

IS SHATTUCK STREET.

OLD EIGHTH FROM BAY STATE WINS CUP

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 26.—The New England units, representing the 56th and 8th Massachusetts regiments, 1st Vermont, 1st Maine, 1st New Hampshire and 1st Connecticut, spent Christmas day in Charlotte. All of these units had a Christmas tree and a Christmas dinner.

The citizens of Charlotte provided refreshments and prizes for athletic events and more than 80 units entered. Gen. Sweetser's New England division

of National guardsmen making a sweep, taking more than four-fifths of the honors.

The 8th Massachusetts, commanded by Col. Perry, won the laurels of the day. The cup offered to the regiment winning the highest number of points went to the old 8th, formerly commanded by Gen. Sweetser, who had the pleasure of presenting his old command with the trophy of the day.

Gen. Sweetser was presented with a loving cup by all of the people of Charlotte for his efforts in promoting the events of the day.

ELECTRIC CARS DELAYED

Many of the working people who depend on the Bay State cars to carry them to work in the early morning were late upon arriving at their places

of employment this morning, owing to the tying up of about thirty electric cars on the west side of the Middlesex street crossing, when a freight car got stalled on the crossing near the depot.

It was about 20 minutes before the obstruction was removed and the cars able to proceed. There was considerable complaint, but this was one of the instances where the street railway company was not to blame.

Supt. Lees of the local division stated to a representative of The Sun today that there is enough of coal at the Middlesex street power house to last for five days and that two cars each containing 65 tons of coal, are expected to be delivered in Lowell today.

ARMY AND NAVY

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vies, escape the draft and yet not give up their civilian "jobs" until the eve of their departure.

Canadian Forces

The three latest recruits for the Canadian expeditionary forces from Lowell are as follows: Arthur G. Walcott, 189 Hall street; Ralph K. Smith, 773 Broadway; and Archie Tessier, 189 Hall street. Tessier and Walcott joined the 249th Canadian battalion and Smith has not yet chosen his unit. All three men were scheduled to depart for "up there" today.

There is practically nothing doing at the regular army recruiting station in Centre street these days. Sergt. Cox is still awaiting orders to send a number of Lowell men to Fort Slocum.

Solon W. Kirkby, son of Martin L. Kirkby of 679 Westford st., is stationed with the regular army medical corps in Boston and is a member of the examining staff. Many of the recruits for the regular army are examined in the division where the Lowell boy is stationed and the work is very interesting. Kirkby spent the Christmas holidays in Lowell.

Christmas at Home

Joseph A. Lambert, an ambulance driver in United States hospital 1, stationed at New York City, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lambert, 15 Rockdale avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert also received a card from another son, Corp. Leo N. Lambert, announcing his arrival in San Antonio, Texas, where he is a member of the aviation corps. Sergt. Roy C. Forrester, late of the

Princess Pat's regiment, was a visitor at the war work headquarters in Merrimack street this morning and incidentally brought with him a number of souvenirs from the front. The souvenirs were placed on exhibition and the public is cordially invited to inspect them.

Merrill G. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris of Varnum avenue, spent Christmas with his parents after several months' absence during which he has visited France as a radio operator on one of the United States ships. Operator Morris enlisted in the navy last May in the radio department. At first he was stationed "somewhere along the Atlantic coast" but later he was given an opportunity to visit France when his vessel brought soldiers and supplies over

there. He saw an American hospital and he says that some of the feats of surgery which are considered merely matters of routine by the surgeons and nurses are really wonderful. He saw a number of American soldiers and said that they were all looking fine.

Private H. G. Peterson of Battery F has been promoted to corporal according to a message received recently by The Sun.

A number of Lowell young men are at present stationed at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. They were recently transferred from Camp Devens and are now doing their bit in the vicinity of the national capital. Among them are Private Thomas McCollough, formerly employed by a local laundry, and Private Leach of Pollard street. The men are under orders to be prepared to go to France at any time.

SALE STARTS TOMORROW

Save and Serve! It's our country's message to all patriotic citizens, and as merchants, we are better prepared than usual to help you "do your bit."

We'll Serve You So That You Can Save

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We are going to make this sale give you substantial relief from the present high cost of living by offering you great stocks of wearing apparel.

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Here are wonderful opportunities to reap savings on desirable, dependable, seasonable and fashionable merchandise which can be used for months to come. We earnestly invite you to come and get a big share of these remarkable values.



Sale
Starts
Tomorrow

COATS

Velour Coats, half lined, with fur collars.
Were \$15.00 and \$18.00.
Sale Price.....

\$9.75

SUITS

Suits in broadcloth and velours
Were \$32.50, \$35.00 and \$37.50.
Sale Price.....

\$19.50

SILK DRESSES

Dresses of silk and satin.
Were \$15.00 and \$18.95.
Sale Price.....

\$10.95

WAISTS

Lingerie and silk waists.
Were \$1.98 and \$2.98.
Sale Price.....

\$1.49

COATS

Coats in velour, wool, plushes and broadcloths, half lined.
Were \$19.95 and \$23.50.
Sale Price.....

\$13.50

PLUSH COATS

Coats in Baffin seal and Salts plushes, all sizes.
Were \$20.50, \$22.50, \$35.00 and \$37.50.
Sale Price.....

\$25.00

SILK DRESSES

Dresses of silk and satin, all colors and sizes.
Were \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.50.
Sale Price.....

\$14.95

WAISTS

Waists of georgette, crepe de chine and lace.
Were \$4.98, \$5.98 and \$6.98.
Sale Price.....

\$3.85

COATS

Coats in velour and bolivias, fur and plush collars.
Were \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$29.50.
Sale Price.....

\$18.50

SUITS

Suits in broadcloth, gabardine and mixtures.
Were \$22.50 and \$25.00.
Sale Price.....

\$15.00

SUITS

Sample suits in velvet, chiffon broadcloth and velours, some fur trimmed.
Were \$47.50, \$49.50 and \$55.00.
Sale Price.....

\$35.00

SERGE DRESSES

Serge dresses in blue, black and brown.
Were \$20.00 and \$22.50.
Sale Price.....

\$14.95

COATS

Coats in silvertones, velours, broadcloths and pom pom bolivia, fur trimmed.
Were \$35.00, \$37.50 and \$39.50.
Sale Price.....

\$25.00

SALTS PLUSH COATS

A great value in Salts plush coats.
Were \$27.50.
Sale Price.....

\$22.50

SILK DRESSES

Sample dresses in silk, satin and georgette.
Were \$29.50, \$32.50 and \$35.00.
Sale Price.....

\$25.00

CHILDREN'S COATS

Children's coats in velvet, corduroy and velours, mostly gray, blue and brown.
Were \$9.98 and \$11.98.
Sale Price.....

\$5.98

COATS

Coats in pom pom bolivias and velours, mostly sample coats with fur collars and cuffs.
Were \$42.50, \$45.00 and \$49.50.
Sale Price.....

\$37.50

SUITS

Suits in velour and chiffon broadcloth, fur trimmed; most of these are sample suits.
Were \$39.50, \$45.00 and \$42.50.
Sale Price.....

\$25.00

SERGE DRESSES

Dresses in serge and poplin.
Were \$15.00 and \$16.95.
Sale Price.....

\$11.95

CHILDREN'S HATS

Balance of children's hats in velvet and corduroy, trimmed with ribbon and velvet.
Were \$1.49 and \$1.98.
Sale Price.....

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HUNGARIAN WAR AIMS CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN ARE ANNOUNCED AFTER WAR IN GERMANY

LONDON, December.—Partial conscription of women, control of the Danube river and domination of Serbia are the Hungarian war aims as defined in the Budapest Herald, organ of Count Stephen Tisza, formerly premier of Hungary.

"We want part of Rumania, an area of about 15,000 square kilometers, including Buzen, Danubolotza and Pralovo," declares the newspaper. "Why? Because it is preferable for us to have a frontier near Bucharest. The cannon will roll better descending the Carpathians. The Rumanian fox must not play the role of the wolf between the Magyar town of Buzen and the Bulgarian Dobrudja. The richest oil wells are there, and the best salt mine is at Prahova."

"Then we want 10,000 square kilometers near Orsova and in the elbow of the Danube. Why? Because it is preferable that our door should be shut off as possible to the Danube in common with the Bulgarians, in order to make the Berlin-Bagdad route more sure."

In the peace treaty we must be assured of a 20 years' right to construct an Austro-Hungarian canal across the Moravo-Vardar valley, which must be under our administration and control. To make this certain we shall demand that the Serbian army be permanently suppressed and the Serbian throne occupied by a sovereign approved by the emperor of Austria-Hungary.

"A miracle will be accomplished in the 20th century; seven hundred millions of men in China and India will enter the productive system of European activity. That will mean an influx of gold from the new east to the new west. It is Germany which will be this new west."

ONLY 1200 AMERICANS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

MANILA, December. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—More than half the Americans formerly in the employ of the Philippine government have been retired since July, 1913. There are now a few more than 1200 Americans in the service, whereas, four years ago, just before the arrival of the new democratic administration, there were more than 2600. Meanwhile there has been a steady increase in the number of Filipinos employed by the government, the list showing 1000.

The law which permits Americans of long service with the government to retire with a three-year pension ranging from 66 per cent. of a year's salary to the full amount, is largely responsible for the number of American retirements which have increased very largely since the law was passed. The past year has seen 400 retirements and the previous year saw almost as many more.

The policy of the Harrison administration in training Filipinos as rapidly as possible for responsible posts in the government service has made the successors of these retired Americans almost entirely Filipinos. This fact, together with the increasing activities of the government, due to increased prosperity in the islands, is responsible for the big increase of Filipinos in the government service.

What You Surely Need

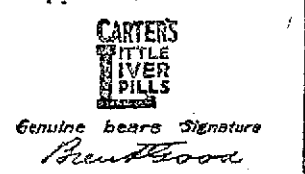


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Keep that in mind; it will pay you rich dividends in Health and Happiness.



Colorless faces often show the absence of iron in the blood.

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CONCERT AND DANCE AT ASSOCIATE HALL

Everything is in readiness for Lowell's big "Military night" this evening in Associate hall when Co. C of the 302d machine gun battalion, Lowell's own company, will stage a benefit concert and dance in aid of its company fund. It is expected that Associate hall will be filled to capacity with Lowell

XMAS TREE EXERCISES IN THE CHURCHES

The members of the First Trinitarian church in Dutton street held their annual Christmas tree exercises yesterday afternoon at 5:30 in the church vestry. At the close of an excellent entertainment, gifts were distributed and the affair was a very enjoyable one. Mrs. C. T. Upton had general charge of the program. The entertainment included numbers by Beatrice Savard, Gertrude Wells, Eva Henderson and Leland Wells.

A Christmas concert was held in the church last Sunday morning by the junior and senior choirs and members of the Sunday school.

Centralville Church. At the Centralville M. E. church last evening Christmas exercises were carried out and the feature of the evening's program was two well loaded Christmas trees from which presents were distributed. The entertainment included the singing of Christmas carols by the audience, a solo by Laura Callahan and recitations by Caroling Shultz and Meredith Whitney. The affair was in charge of Reginald Nichols and Andrew Swapp.

SCARCITY OF COAL MAY DELAY RE-OPENING OF TEXTILE SCHOOL

The Lowell Textile school closed Monday for the annual Christmas vacation and will not re-open until Jan. 4 and perhaps later if the coal situation becomes too serious.

After the Christmas recess, practice for the hockey and basketball teams will begin and it is expected that the Moody street boys will show up well in both branches of sport this season. The football season recently closed was a very successful one. Lowell won four out of five games played.

A 15-foot service flag bearing 50 stars will be unfurled at the school when studies are taken up again. Textile has a total of 52 men in the national service at the present time. The last two recruits were H. Wood, 29 and G. Benier, 22. The latter is an ambulance driver a few days ago.

EFFORT TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY HERE

At a meeting of the board of health held late Monday afternoon, the officials of the board went on record as favoring the making of an appropriation which shall allow the hiring of one nurse for educational work among young mothers in an endeavor to reduce the infant mortality rate in this city, this having been urgently recommended by Miss Elizabeth Robinson of the state department of health, who has been making a survey of the subject in this city.

Present at the meeting, besides Miss Robinson, were Dr. Thomas P. Carroll and Hon. John B. Drury of the board of health, and Charles E. Simpson of the state department of health. In the course of the meeting Miss Robinson presented her data relative to the birth rates in the various wards of the city, also the death rates among children in those wards. She said the death rate among children was high.

NERVOUSNESS ON THE DECLINE

Doctors Encouraged, They Hold Out Hope for All

"Nothing wrong but my nerves." We hear it at home, at work and everywhere. Certainly, nervousness is a disease. A man or woman might better have a broken leg than a shattered, run-down nervous system.

Overwork and worry drain the nerve cells and centers of all their strength and vitality, then you get nervousness, nervousness, poor blood, nervousness, nervousness, and fear that goes with a worn-out, broken-down nervous system. The better doctors of today know just what to do in cases of this kind. They know that a few weeks' use of Phosphated Iron really fails to strengthen, stimulate and feed the Phosphate-hungry nerve centers.

Phosphated Iron certainly does take hold. The way the majority of patients came back is remarkable. You can almost see their nerves grow steady, strong and peaceful. What a change in appearance, too. The cheeks become flushed and flushed with the healthy ruddy glow that only pure, red, ironized blood can give, eyes sparkle, their step has the spring and swing of youth and their whole system seems to be alive with energy and good spirits.

Phosphated Iron will do all this for you if you will give it a chance. Do not drag around, all in and half dead, another day, when help is so near. Get busy and be a live one once again.

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THOUSANDS OF FRENCH WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPLOYED BY BRITISH ARMY

BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, December. (Correspondence).

Many thousand French women and girls, ranging in age from 14 to well past 60 are employed by the British army at various kinds of work behind the lines. One line at which they excel all other workers is the painting of camouflage on guns. They also make very good packers at the various army storehouses and ordnance dumps, their deft, active fingers making it possible for them to do this work with 50 per cent. more efficiency and speed than any other class of worker.

In many of the clerical sections of the ordnance department they work side by side with the famous English girls belonging to the "Waacs," as members of Women's Auxiliary Army corps are called and in these departments a numerical system of marking has been adopted in order to facilitate sorting, as most of the French girls have no knowledge of English. More than 1000 French women are engaged in the "Reconnaissance and Salvage Department" where their work includes the repairing of respirators and other equipment, the scrubbing and repairing of uniforms, the cleaning of materials in an oil bath, and the sorting of recovered cartridges and water bottles.

In the boot and shoe repairing department at least 1500 French women are employed in bootmaking and repairing. In the armorer's shops French girls clean, oil and test bayonets. In the wheelwright's shops they clean and straighten bolts and paint wagons and traveling kitchens.

In work at piece rates, the output of the French girls has been found to be that of German prisoners by more than 50 per cent.

CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES AT C.Y.M.L. ROOMS IN SUFFOLK STREET

The members of the C.Y.M.L. held their annual Christmas tree exercises yesterday afternoon at the C.Y.M.L. rooms in Suffolk street and the affair was an unusually pleasant one. The hall had been decorated in a seasonable manner and then Mr. Santa Claus was on hand to present each member with a Christmas gift. Later the following program of entertainment was carried out:

Remarks, President Grady; piano solo, Daniel McCarthy; song, Paul McLaughlin; remarks, Rev. James J. Keegan; remarks, Rev. Fr. Phelan; O.M. song, Timothy Rohan; song, Patrick McCarroll; harmonica selection, James A. Daly; and "The Star Spangled Banner," the entire company. The committee in charge of the exercises consisted of James Walsh, chairman; John McEahan, John Gilligan, J. J. Flannery, Paul McLaughlin, James Hesnan, J. Barry, B. Murray, D. Leahy and P. McCarroll.

DRAWING CONTEST

The Centralville Ten held a drawing contest yesterday afternoon and the first prize, a silk umbrella, was won by Mrs. Rose Stewart of 2 West Burnside avenue. Mr. H. Wilson of 66 Bartlett street won the second prize, a box of cigars.

Lowell Textile School
All Evening Classes Will Be Suspended
Until Thursday Night, Jan. 3, 1918

Announcement

Our January Mark-Down Sale

Of Women's Coats, Suits and Dresses

BEGINS THURSDAY MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK

We have marked these prices on the balance of the stock as follows:—

\$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00 Suits, Coats and Dresses are Marked

\$26.50

\$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits, Coats and Dresses are Marked

\$16.50

\$15.00, \$18.50 and \$20.00 Suits, Coats and Dresses are Marked

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TO OUR MANY PATRONS

An Announcement—

On and after January 1, 1918, we will discontinue our delivery system. The continuous rise of prices affecting the general business conditions of today has reached the fish business. As in other lines of trade the heaviest dead expense must be done away with first. We find this to be the cost of delivery. And, in order to maintain our reasonable prices, together with the quality which is our standard, the change will take effect on the above mentioned date. We feel sure that you will view this from a business and patriotic standpoint, and solicit the continuance of your patronage, assuring you of the best in quality, the lowest in price, and strict service at the store.

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HUN ATROCITIES ON AMERICANS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—German atrocities against American soldiers are officially reported. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut, and it is officially declared, "he must have been so killed after capture."

Information concerning German savagery has reached the troops in one of a series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards. Here is what the bulletin said:

"After a raid by the Germans on trenches held by American troops a lone sentry of the infantry was found with his throat cut from ear to ear. He had been surprised by an overwhelming force of Germans and must have been so killed after capture."

"Such brutality is familiar to old soldiers who served against savages in the Philippine campaign."

Another bulletin tells the men how the Germans in occupied sections of France and Belgium are treating women and children out of their homes into the snow, the buildings being given over to soldiers, horses and material.

MORE SUGAR FOR NEW ENGLAND

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The expected arrival today or tomorrow of a third consignment of Louisiana raw sugar amounting to 4000 tons will bring about a better sugar situation in New England than has prevailed for many weeks. The second consignment is now being unloaded and the steamer which it arrived on will soon leave for Cuba to load one of the first cargoes of the new crop of sugar from that country.

REVOLUTIONARY PLOT IN RUMANIA

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—News of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been received at the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik headquarters, according to the Russian newspapers. There are also said to be disturbed conditions in Rumania. These reports are confirmed in some respects by despatches received here indicating unsettled conditions in Rumania and a political crisis.

A Bolshevik despatch announces that 6000 troops of General Korniloff's command have been defeated near Biala by Bolsheviks, chiefly soldiers and sailors of the Black sea and Baltic sea fleets. Many machine guns and much ammunition, it is said, have been captured.

The Bolsheviks have begun an attack on Kharkov, about 400 miles south of Moscow. The Bolshevik control railroads to the south, according to the official news agency, which adds that a telephone message from Moscow declares that a large force of Cossacks and railway men have stopped troops from proceeding north of Tzaritsyn, in the province of Saratov.

The official news agency announces that a semi-official denial has been issued in Stockholm to Russian reports that Sweden is moving troops toward Finland and is massing forces opposite Vasa and the Aland islands.

On Dec. 10 the Bolshevik government announced that General Korniloff's forces had been defeated at Biala, which is about 10 miles north of Kharkov, and three days later it was said that General Korniloff had been wounded and that his capture was expected.

There has been little news from Rumania since the Rumanian army was forced to agree to armistice on the eastern front. It has been reported that Bolshevik and German propagandists were at work among the Rumanian troops. A few days ago General Scherbachoff, the Russian commander in Rumania, was reported to have taken command of the Ukrainian forces.

WATCH AND WAIR

Representatives of the Watch and Ward society of Boston have been working in this city for the past three weeks and as a result of their efforts, and valuable assistance rendered by the local police, have made a number of raids. The principal places visited were those where it was understood gaming was going on. In several of the houses visited the raiders found, but there were other places where gaming implements to the value of \$4000 were seized and brought to the police station. The members of the Boston society who came to this city were headed by Detective Cockings of Cambridge.

The most important raid made was that of a house at 25 Market street late Monday afternoon. The raiding party consisted of Inspector Walsh of the local police and Eben W. Sears of the Lynn police, who constituted the first squad, and Lieut. Martin Maher of the local police and Detective Cockings, who made up the second squad.

Each party was assisted by several police officers. Twenty-two places were visited. At 430 Market street a warrant was issued to raid the premises at 245 Market street and under the supervision of Supt. Welch the two squads visited the place where material valued at \$1200 was discovered. Among the gaming implements were four Dewey machines, six liberty slot machines, three pin-ball machines, 170 punch boards, together with several books and papers which may later be used as evidence.

MISS MARY MANNING, NOTED FOR HER REMARKABLE MEMORY, DIED AT SALEM

SALEM, Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Manning, whose remarkable memory of her 91 years of life in this city provided the basis for information contained in many antiquarian works died yesterday. She was a daughter of Robert Manning, a famous horticulturist, and a cousin of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB GERMAN CITY

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The city of Mannheim in Germany, on the Rhine, was bombed by a British air squadron early on Monday, says an official statement covering the operations of army aviators during Sunday and Monday's early hours. A ton of bombs was dropped and several fires were started. All but one of the British machines returned.

The text of the statement reads: "The enemy's machines were very active on Sunday and five of them were brought down in air fighting, three of them falling in our lines. Two other hostile machines were brought down in our lines by anti-aircraft guns. One of these latter was a large twin-engine machine with three occupants, who were made prisoners."

"Our night-flying machines bombed several of the enemy's airdromes with good effect."

"At daylight on Monday one of our squadrons bombed Mannheim on the Rhine with excellent results. A ton of bombs was dropped and burials were observed in the large main station in the works and also in the town, where fires were started."

"Very heavy anti-aircraft fire, directed against our airplanes when they were over their objective and one of our machines was damaged and forced to land. Several of the enemy's scouts made repeated attacks upon our formations but were driven off. All of our machines returned except the one aforementioned."

Mannheim is a manufacturing and railroad center in the northern part of Rhenish Bavaria, the region of Germany directly north of Alsace. The city is about 100 miles distant from the nearest point of the Rhine, and is three times as far from the British lines. Its population when the war began was nearly 200,000.

POWER OF BOLSHEVIKI

Continued

permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the Red Guard, but the former are not numerous enough to conquer the Ukrainians and the Red Guard is largely untrained. The Bolsheviks, the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, says, appear to be becoming conscious of hopeless failure, while the respondent of The Daily News writes:

"There is a tremendous and growing opposition to the Bolsheviks among all classes. Men who formerly supported them are turning against them and German hirelings is a common term of denunciation. The Bolsheviks are now in a position of weakness. It is reported that the constituent assembly is said to have reawakened remarkably and demands for its convocation are being made. It is reported by even the most ignorant classes."

A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that the Petrogradskiy regiment refused to relinquish their guard of the Tauride palace until the assembly meets. The Semenovskiy guard regiment has resolved not to arrest members of the constituent assembly, no matter what orders it receives.

It is reported, however, that the Bolsheviks intend to control administration to the assembly by issuing decrees.

Various explanations are offered in Petrograd despatches of the purpose of German concentrations of troops in the southwest. One suggestion is that part of these forces will be retained in the southwest to have been possession of the valuable Russian harvest.

FAMILIES STARVING

A Reuter despatch from Petrograd reports the arrest and imprisonment in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of M. Vyshnegradsky and M. Putiloff, managing directors of the International Commercial bank and the Russo-Asiatic bank, in consequence of the mention of their names in an international letter wherein Gen. Alex. N. former commander-in-chief, begged Prof. Paul Milukoff, the constitutional democratic leader, to interest himself in obtaining 300,000 rubles to assist starving families of imprisoned officers.

Referring to the arrest of Col. Kolpashnikov, attached to the American Red Cross mission to Rumania, the Petrograd correspondent of The Post says it has been suggested that the officer is alleged to have been sent to Kolpashnikov by Col. Anderson, head of the mission, stating that the American ambassador, David P. Francis, was ready to advance 100,000 rubles to the account of the Red Cross, was a forgery, such things are not uncommon now, he adds.

FINLAND APPEALS TO GERMANY

The same correspondent telegraphs that the British ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, published on Sunday a statement refuting the charge of interference in the internal affairs of Finland and adding that the Finns are now three independent republics in Russia, it is difficult to avoid the appearance of having relations with more than one.

It is reported from Brest-Litovsk by way of Petrograd, that Finland has appealed to Germany to recognize her independence and that the Germans express their willingness to do so. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, is said to have shown his irritation because the Finns applied directly to the Germans instead of through the Bolshevik commissaries. A Stockholm despatch to The Post records the arrival there of a Finnish delegation to ask Sweden's recognition of the independence of the Finns.

MASS IN COMMEMORATION OF DELIVERANCE OF JERUSALEM FROM THE TURKS

VENICE, Dec. 25.—A memorial mass was celebrated in San Marco church today in commemoration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turk. The ceremonial took on unusual significance inasmuch as the Austrians had declared the group to be in the Piazza of San Marco by the holidays.

U. S. SOLDIERS KILL BANDITS ON BORDER

MARFA, Tex., Dec. 26.—American troops today were guarding all outlets to Van Horn, where 100 Mexican bandits on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the postoffice and general store on the Brito ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Vylech, a veteran stage driver, and his Mexican passenger, wounded Saur Neill, foreman of the ranch, and carried away booty estimated to be worth \$7000.

Before the bandits disappeared beyond the Rio Rock, which rises abruptly more than 1000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers, who were in close pursuit, are reported to have killed and wounded many of the Mexicans. Col. George T. Langhorne, in command of the American forces in the Big Bend, expected the pursuit to be resumed in daylight.

When the bandits attacked the ranch, Neill, his wife and a number of ranch hands barricaded themselves in a house until United States cavalrymen under command of Capt. Leslie A. Sprinkle, came in automobiles. On their approach the raiders rode off over the Kim Rock toward the southwest. When the soldiers had gone as far as possible in automobiles they continued the pursuit on foot.

U. S. EMBASSY IN RUSSIA THREATENED

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—A mass meeting of anarchists was held on Sunday afternoon, at which inflammatory speeches against the United States were delivered, the speakers basing their attacks on the arrests of Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and Louis Krumer. Some of the speakers urged violence against the American embassy, but only a mild resolution of protest was the outcome of the affair. A congress of anarchists has been called to meet in Petrograd on Christmas Day of the Russian calendar.

TO DISCOURAGE PRACTICE OF "ADOPTING" INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the practice of "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war. The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service and result in delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover the censorship regulations forbid the men to correspond with strangers.

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GEN. PERSHING SENDS 10,000 GREETINGS OF TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Renewed pledges of devotion to the cause of democracy from all ranks of the American expeditionary forces in France were given in a Christmas message from Gen. Pershing to the chief of staff of the army. The cablegram, read public last night by the war department said:

"Please extend to the president and the secretary of war holiday greetings and best wishes for success of our arms during the coming year and convey to them from all ranks of the American expeditionary forces in France renewed pledges of the devotion to our sacred cause."

"Likewise express our greetings to our comrades at home, coupled with full confidence in their patriotism, courage and devotion to the flag."

RETAIL STORES HEADS TO DISCUSS METHODS OF ECONOMY IN DELIVERING GOODS

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Methods of economy in sending goods to customers from retail stores will be considered at a conference of representatives of all the large stores in the city to be held at the chamber of commerce tomorrow. A committee of the retail trade board which has been investigating the subject will make specific recommendations with regard to proposals for one delivery a day and for a consolidated delivery system.

QUALITY AND PRICE OF NEW FISH FOODS MUST CONFORM TO STANDARDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Quality and price of new fish foods put on the market through the assistance of the department of commerce must conform to standards set up by the government or the producers will not reap the benefit of official recommendation of such foods.

Secretary Redfield said today that an official label—"Recommended by the Bureau of Fisheries"—was being provided for all new fish products which meet the government requirements.

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SOLDIER "CLEANS OUT" 25 SINGLE-HANDED

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Gustaf Lindberg of Co. I, 343d regiment, who is 6 feet 6 inches in height, as wide as the back of a hack and quite thick, had the time of his young life yesterday. In view of what happened, Kaiser Bill would better make a note of this young giant's name and climb a tree when Gustaf gets to the front. At least this is the unbiased opinion of a gang of saloon loafers, who were on the short end of an argument with him.

It appears that the blue-eyed Gustaf came up from Rockford on yuletide leave of absence and in the course of his holiday meanderings walked into the saloon of Gust Bjork, a personal friend. Gustaf was hoisting a tub of soda when some fresh bum among the 25 loafers in the saloon asked: "Who is the big stiff in the yellows rag?"

Shortly thereafter the police responded to a riot call from Bjork's saloon. They brought Gustaf to the station and gathered up the more or less battered remnants of the gang of bums and sent most of the 25 to the hospital.

"I did not make out clearly," who said the question about my uniform," said Gustaf, "so I cleaned out the whole bunch, as all of them were wearing sneering and laughing."

The police have not yet made a scientific job of cleaning and are holding Gustaf until the hospital authorities report how much can be salvaged from the human wreckage.

CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The seventh annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will begin a three days' session here tomorrow. The chief topic for discussion is to be "What and can members of the colored race render to their country in war time?"

Other subjects to be discussed include the welfare and promotion of negro members of the army and navy, the organization of colored youth, negro Christian association branches in the war zone and in training camps and the enlistment of negroes in the Red Cross.

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CROWN Theatre

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EARLE WILLIAMS

In the Vitaphone Blue Ribbon Feature, "THE HAWK"

The heart tragedy of a man's soul, buried in ingenuity but resurrected by his faith in a woman. Broadway's greatest play.

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She's Back—MARGARITA FISCHER

In a rollicking 5-act comedy drama, "THE GIRL WHO COULDN'T GROW UP"

Miss Fischer has been ill, and returns to the screen, sweet as ever.

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WITHDRAW TRAINS TO CONSERVE FUEL

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—To release motive power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philadelphia & Reading railroad today withdrew from its New York-Philadelphia service eight passenger trains. Several local trains also were annulled and it was announced that a further curtailment in local service would become effective on Jan. 6.

A reduction in the number of parlor cars equal to eight trains has been put into effect by the Pennsylvania railroad.

The restricted passenger service, it is estimated by traffic experts will enable the two railroads to increase their movement of freight by about 40,000 tons daily.

ADVISE TO WOMEN WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM "KNITTING NERVES"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Now it's "knitting nerves" caused by concentration of mind and hand on the needles. Thousands of women in New York are afflicted, according to Dr. Louis R. Wells-Miller, physical director of the West Side Young Men's Christian association, who offers the following advice:

"Don't hunch over your knitting; sit upright and when your mind tells you you have knitted enough, quit."

Dr. C. P. Christensen, president of the Psychological Research society, concurred in the predictions of Dr. Wells-Miller.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—On account of the large number of boxers entered for the annual New York state amateur boxing championships, which start tonight, the contestants will be numbered in the same manner as football and track athletes. There are 90 entries including nearly two dozen soldiers. Men in United States army and navy uniforms will be admitted free.

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KAISER RUSHES TROOPS FROM EASTERN FRONT

While their guns bombard the western front the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere despite the provision of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and more violent on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

Hindenburg Awaits Reinforcements
German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heretofore attack. Russian advances tell of the German withdrawal in the east and that some of the troops are being taken to the Rumanian front. Rumania is not taking part in the peace negotiations and the Ukraine, which lies beyond Moldavia and Bessarabia, is opposed to the Bolsheviks.

French Raid in Champagne Sector
South of Juvencourt, in the Rheims sector of Champagne, the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. On the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery duel but no large operations are yet indicated.

Italians Regained Ground
On the northern Italian front the Austro-German tactics appear to be to strike alternately at vital points on either side of the Brenna. Checked at Monte Asolone last week, the enemy has struck toward the Frenzella valley, west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting the Italians have regained possession of last positions on the Col del Rosso, west of the river and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Perlica east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9000 prisoners in the taking of the Col del Rosso, which later was lost to the Italians.

Trotsky Protests to Germans
Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has protested to the Germans against the transference of troops from the eastern front but also has ordered Russian factories to stop the manufacture of munitions. He did not indicate whether his government

would take any other step against German violation of the armistice.

Peace Envoys Go to Stockholm
Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their answer to the Bolshevik terms and it is reported that the conference soon will be transferred to Stockholm. In the meantime the majority party in the constituent assembly, the social revolutionists has convened the assembly to meet January 2, despite Bolshevik disapproval.

U. S. Sentry's Throat Cut
German savagery has been called officially to the attention of the American troops in France. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut and an official bulletin says: "He must have been killed after capture," by a force of Germans which surprised him. Information of enemy terrorism in driving women and children from their homes in the occupied sections of France and Belgium to make room for German troops and war material also has been given the American troops.

Italian Counter Attacks
Positions on and around Col del Rosso on the Italian northern front, are still in dispute, according to today's official statement from Berlin which reports another violent counter-attack there by the Italians. This is declared to have broken down with heavy losses.

The latest report on the status of the Russo-German peace negotiations is that after a day's postponement of the talks the Germans have asked for a postponement until Jan. 24. This report comes in a news agency despatch from Petrograd.

Scenes on Italian Front
ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—A general commanding an army corps on the Piave front took the correspondents along the line occupied by his corps today and pointed out the Austro-German lines on the west bank of the river which is the only foothold he has succeeded in maintaining.

As the party moved forward it was noted that the defenses had been highly organized so that any sudden rush of the enemy would meet tremendous resistance.

Entering the first line trenches the general led the way. The ground in front was covered with low bushes and scrubby vines, running down to the water's edge. Behind this ran a high earthen embankment originally erected as a dyke but now serving the enemy as a refuge against petty shelling.

The general stated that the enemy force in the Zenson curve was about three battalions, or 2000 men, with an exceptionally large supply of machine guns. Their communications were principally operated in the night hours.

The enemy's foothold on the west bank of the Piave was not regarded by the general as a serious menace to the Italians as it was not a base which could be augmented by an increase of the force. It could be cleared out at any time, he said, but the effort was not worth the sacrifice it would require in the face of the machine guns. The bend was completely controlled and hemmed in and it was better, he thought, to let the enemy sacrifice his men in holding a position useless to him.

Quiet On British Front
LONDON, Dec. 26.—There was nothing special to report on the British front in France yesterday, says the official statement issued today by the war office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMONED TO "BLOW LIGHT OUT" IN LUDLAM STREET

An alarm from box 618 at 6:30 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in one of the street gas lamps in Ludlam street, near the corner of Bridge street. The top of the lamp was off and the flames from the burner were blowing upwards. Some persons in the vicinity became alarmed and pulled in the box, giving the department an unnecessary run.

IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO LOCATE THE CHIMNEY WHEN INSTALLING STOVE

The members of Hose Co. No. 8 were called to 232 Allen street at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to extinguish what appeared to be a liveliest blaze, but an investigation showed that there was no fire but that there was plenty of smoke caused by the carelessness of some person. Several days ago Mr. Bergeron, who occupies one of the tenements in the building purchased a stove and a man was sent to the house to place it in position. A hole was bored through the wall to receive the stove pipe and it was thought that the pipe was entering a chimney. Yesterday afternoon smoke was found issuing through the partitions in several rooms in the building, through the roof and even into the cellar. The apartment was notified and upon arriving at the house failed to locate any blaze, excepting that in the stove. After ripping off considerable of the plastering it was found that the stove pipe had been inserted in the wall, within about three or four feet of the chimney. The only damage was done by the firemen where they ripped off the laths and plastering.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Walter A. Dragon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Dragon of Sarah avenue, who is "somewhere" in France as a field clerk for Uncle Sam's army, under Gen. Pershing, has sent his Christmas and New Year's greetings to Mayor James E. O'Donnell in the following letter:

Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, General Staff, Intelligence Section A.
Hon. James E. O'Donnell,
Mayor of the City of Lowell.

Dear Mr. Mayor:
Kindly accept these few lines from a Lowell young man, now in the U. S. Army Field Clerk service, but whose home and cherished ones are in this municipality, as "The Workshop of the World."

I am now enjoying valuable experiences in France, near the scenes of the war for safe democracy, and some day hoping to return to the scenes of my childhood fully content that Lowell did her bit in every branch of the service.

At the time of writing you are undoubtedly in the midst of your campaign for re-election as mayor and it is my sincere wish that when this message shall have reached its destination that the campaign will be a matter of the past, and entirely successful. I take the liberty of extending the well wishes of two other Lowell boys who are at the headquarters, X. A. Delisle and a young man named Carney.

In closing, I wish to extend to both Mayor and Mrs. O'Donnell my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As a favor, even though you have already proven your interest in me, I ask that you kindly acknowledge this brief message with a letter which I will proudly preserve as a remembrance from the chief executive of my native city. I remain, Yours very truly,
Walter A. Dragon.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. H. H. Widdowson*

CITY COUNCIL Continued

Sarantos Sakaljakos filed a claim for personal injuries sustained on Dec. 19, 1917, when he fell on an icy sidewalk in Merrimack street. Commissioner Morse said there was no defect in the sidewalk and it is the duty of the person to such claims. The matter was referred to the city solicitor. He also filed a claim for personal injuries sustained when he fell on a defective sidewalk in Middlesex street. His claim was also referred.

Julius H. Hildt, notified by the council to the effect that he had brought suit against the city in the sum of \$4,000 in an action of tort. The communication was referred to the city solicitor. An order for the acceptance of Seventh avenue from Mr. Hope street to Dunfey street was also accepted.

Settlement of Claims
It was voted to pay J. R. Crowley, a former lieutenant in the police department, the sum of \$300 in settlement of a claim he had against the city. Mary Clark was awarded \$200 in settlement of a claim for personal injuries, while James A. Scott was awarded \$50 for personal injuries received by his daughter.

It was voted to install lights as follows: One at the corner of Wilder street and Columbus avenue; three in Ferry lane, two in Postoffice avenue and one in Hurler street. It was also voted to install gas lights as follows: Three in Martin street, four in Allen street, one at 174 Elm street, one at 88 Chapel street, one at 13 Richmond avenue, one at 21 Lu plane road, and one in Belmont avenue, opposite Hovey street.

An order was introduced for the transfer of \$11.87 from the commissioners' fund to that of the registrar of labor for the salary of the registrar for the past month, but there was a deadlock. Commissioners Brown and Donnelly voted in the affirmative while Commissioners Warnock and Morse voted in the negative.

A claim amounting to \$200 for personal injuries received in 1915 was presented by John Ewing. "What is that?" asked Commissioner Brown.

"Another old claim," replied Commissioner Morse. Action on the claim was deferred until Saturday morning.

Joseph Hennessy appeared in behalf of his wife and son and filed a claim for \$35 for personal injuries received by the woman in January, 1915.

Mr. Hennessy explained that Mrs. Brennan fell on the sidewalk of the city, injured her hip and since that time she has been using a crutch. It was voted to pay her the sum of \$35.

The board of trade called attention to an ordinance recently adopted by the council in relation to the erection of buildings in this city, and the communication was referred to Messrs. Varneck and Brown. An order for the payment of \$100 to Esther Connors for personal injuries was adopted.

The council voted to pay Patrolman Bartholomew Kane the sum of \$53.22 for personal injuries received while in the performance of his duties. John J. Harvey, representing the officer, stated that on April 23, 1917, Patrolman Kane was doing a flight of stairs in Wiggville after having been called to settle an altercation that was going on and since that time he has been unable to perform his duties.

Commissioner Warnock was authorized to enter into a contract with J. J. Mulvaney & Co. for the connection of a toilet with the sewer at the Bartlett school, the bid being \$55.

Hospital Superintendent
The following ordinance presented by Commissioner Warnock was adopted: To be ordained: That there shall be a superintendent of the contagious hospital, who shall be an administrative officer of the city of Lowell and who shall be elected by the city council; and that the salary of such officer shall be determined at the time of his election and said officer shall be assigned to the department of public safety.

Com. Warnock informed the members of the council that last March he instructed and authorized the municipal council to purchase and install at the Chestnut Street hospital a disinfecting machine not to cost more than \$115. At that time he called for bids and received two bids, for \$115 each and one for \$110. On Nov. 8 he sent his clerk to the mayor's office to have a transfer of money made for the purchase of the machine, but the latter was informed that the machine had been purchased by the mayor.

Voting Machines
Commissioner Donnelly brought up the question of purchasing voting machines from the American Voting Machine company, this matter having been referred to him at a recent meeting of the council. He said after seeing two demonstrations of the machine he thought it advisable to purchase eight machines for the largest ward of the city, ward 3, each machine to cost \$700. A representative of the company, who was present stated that according to a state law governing the sales of machines, the company will give a public demonstration of the machine at least one week prior to the first election and will have men at the polls on the first election day to help the precinct officers. He also stated that the company will give a written guarantee to keep the machines in good working order for five years. Upon motion of Commissioner Brown Commissioner Donnelly was instructed to bring in a contract for the purchase of eight machines at the next meeting.

Coal Conservation
The following vote presented by Commissioner Morse was approved: Whereas, the amount of anthracite and bituminous coal now in New England, and particularly at the large distributing points is far short of the normal stock carried by distributors and industries, and the need of fuel conservation is pressing:

It is voted, that the commissioner of streets and highways be and hereby is instructed to confer with the Lowell Electric Light corporation for the purpose of reducing the number of arc lights now in use, both in the system of ornamental street lighting and otherwise for such time until the supply of coal again reaches normal. The commissioner is empowered to determine the number of lights and the locations where they are to be confined during the winter period, and he is further instructed to consult with the Lowell Electric Light corporation regarding the modification of existing contracts for the period of coal shortage hereinafter mentioned. It is the sole purpose and intent of this motion to assist in conserving fuel during the present emergency.

In introducing his motion Mr. Morse said he believed such action would mean a lot in the saving of fuel and money. At this point the meeting adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

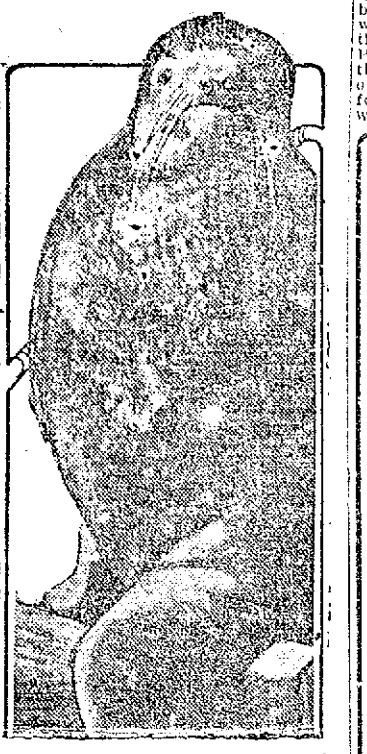
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HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Joseph Jervial of Kinsman street is spending Christmas holidays at home. Joe is with the 22nd Ontario Overseas regiment and is stationed at Ontario, Canada. He expects to go to France were on it was next to impossible to



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COMMENCE AN

After-Xmas Sale

We have an accumulation of odd garments left from our Christmas selling. We will make GIVE-AWAY PRICES to sell them in the next three days.

Coats, Suits, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Skirts, Furs and Fur Coats

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Choice of the high priced suits, selling to \$37.50—200 in the lot. **\$19.75**

CAN YOU USE A FINE

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Lingerie and Voile, sold to \$2.50. Choice.... **\$1.17**

SILK WAISTS in stripes, plain colors, crepes and novelties, sold to \$4.00..... **\$1.89**

CREPES, CHIFFONS and LACE WAISTS; \$6.00 waists, at **\$3.49**

About 20 dozen waists in lot.

All Our Furs and Fur Coats

At Reductions Averaging 25% Off. Sale Closes Saturday Night

SKIRTS—87 Skirts in fine poplin, serge and novelties, selling to \$7.50. Choice..... **\$4.98 and \$5.98**

SWEATERS REDUCED Broken Sizes
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COATS will be.....

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30 pieces of Heavy Toweling with a splendid bleach linen finish, a usual 10c value.

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600 yards Union Crashes with colored borders or plain white; worth 17c.

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PHASES OF THE WAR

"It is a awful business. I wish it was all over." This statement is quite common with those we meet and it is natural that men and women should feel thus. But ask them, are they anxious for a peace that would place us under foreign domination and they will promptly answer, "No! No! A thousand times no!"

That is the spirit of the true American who does not want to fight unless he must.

But the time when he must fight or else relinquish his freedom has struck long ago and that is why we are at war. We are not going out to maim, to drown or slaughter non-combatants, but we are going to vindicate our rights on the high seas and to fight until justice is done not only to our own nation, but to the other nations of the earth now threatened with oppression by German autocrats.

"Ah! but would it not be time enough to fight when the Germans come over here to seize our country?"

This is another saying commonly heard, but one that betrays a lack of familiarity with the situation.

Had not the United States entered the war when she did, England's power would probably have been broken and then Germany after taking over the British navy would have come to the western hemisphere to take Canada, Mexico and any other state unable to repel her advance.

The United States would thus have lost instead of gained by waiting; because had we not joined the allies in fighting Germany, there is little doubt that Germany could have reduced England by the power of her submarines alone. That would leave the United States to fight the world conquering Germans alone and no European nation would be under any obligation to join us. With the aid of other powers we can fight a Germany weakened by war far more easily than a Germany strengthened by victory, and then bent on our destruction. Therefore, this murmuring over going into the war when it might have been avoided, is all nonsense. It could not have been avoided nor longer delayed without grave national peril or without lasting national disgrace. Hence President Wilson acted wisely when he came out for a declaration of war. Had he gone in earlier or waited longer, in either case he would have blundered. Therefore, we are justly in the war; we are in it to the end whether that be long or short and we have no doubt as to the final triumph of American arms or the vindication of American rights. But we cannot form any estimate of the cost or of the length of time it will require to bring about an acceptable peace.

In his message to congress on December 4 President Wilson said:

"First, that this intolerable thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face, this menace of combined intrigue and force which we now see so clearly in the German power, a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace, must be crushed."

That is the rallying cry of civilization. It is an inspired warning to unite, to suffer, to die, that the demons of Prussian barbarism that have made this earth a hell may be stamped out. The heroes in their flesh made graves have not died in vain. The ashes of churches, school houses and hospitals cry not for justice in vain. The hosts so ruthlessly sunk on the high seas have not gone down to be forgotten.

No, these things and others even more horrible, more revolting, have stealed the hearts of the nations fighting with America until they, like ourselves, are determined to shrink not before the crime of barbarism has been taught its final and convincing lesson and until the high purpose of the Creator as voiced by President Wilson shall have been accomplished.

THE SOLDIERLY SPIRIT

A newspaper man in the army asked how he liked it, made this reply, which we believe reflects the feelings of every true soldier:

"These have been the best two months of my life, and of the lives of most of the young men here. It has been hard, trying work, and some people may call it dirty work at times, but we are all better men for it. Because we have learned to be tough, to do the day's work without complaining, to take whatever comes manfully.

"Dirty work? There is no such thing. That we are learning, too. Work is clean or dirty according to a man's spirit. A job is dirty only as a man makes it so. We are learning that one can paint potatoes, and wash pots and pans, and scrub floors, and dig ditches, and still take the same kind of pride in the job that a man takes in singing a song well or writing good a book.

"It's as a man thinks. Personally, I and others in the army have tried to keep in mind the thought that whatever the task, we are workers in a great national service. I am trying to feel always that I am a public servant. Once I used to think that my duty as a citizen was done when I voted. In the army I have learned to see what ever of good or bad I do is for the benefit or the injury of the whole cause. I like to believe that this feeling of responsibility will stick with me after I go back to civil life.

"We are learning to do a job completely and conscientiously. We know that when our barracks floor has specks on it, after being scrubbed, a complete job has not been done, because our officers do not hesitate to inform us.

"Thus, doing a job right is becoming second nature with us. Being conscientious is becoming an automatic function.

"We are learning discipline and order. We must keep our kits and uten-

sils just so, or we hear from the officers. Order is, therefore, becoming a habit with us. We must wear our clothes neatly, according to regulations. Those of us who are inclined to be slovenly are acquiring neatness as second nature. Cleanliness is compulsory. Peace will return to us millions of men with whom sanitary living is a passion. Our habits of clean thinking and clean living will surely stay with most of us after the war."

That is the true soldierly spirit, and the spirit that will bring success in everything undertaken.

GIVE THE FARMER A CHANCE

In an address before the state convention of the Pennsylvania Grange at Williamsport, Pa., Gifford Pinchot expressed his belief that the time has come to give the farmer a larger voice in the councils of the nation. On the American farmer, he said, would rest the big task of winning the war.

"But today," said Pinchot, "the farmer has no voice and is not consulted. There is, so far as I know, not a single genuine farmer in any place of authority in Washington—in the vast organization of the Council of National Defense, the Food Administration or the numerous special bodies that are running the war."

There ought to be a farmer on the Hoover staff to voice the point of view of the farmer to Hoover, and to interpret the Hoover policies to the farmer.

It should be remembered, however, that when the powers of the food administration were defined by congress, the farmers were exempt from certain provisions of law for which merchants and others would be sent to jail.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE

It was a glorious Christmas and gloriously observed. Never before in the history of our city did the Christmas buying reach or even nearly approach the volume of last week. The weather was ideal, the people had the money to spend and they entered into the spirit of Christmas giving as never before. The merchants had laid in a mammoth stock in all lines but many departments were cleaned out before the hour of closing on Christmas eve. The large volume of trade indicates a high degree of prosperity in Lowell despite the war, the conservation and the scarcity of some commodities.

BANGING BAKER

Certain newspapers that had been abusing Secretary Baker before the war think they have now an opportunity to justify their criticism by showing up his alleged shortcomings. When the investigation closes, we predict that it will appear that the operations in the war department were delayed by the slowness of congress and that if Secretary Baker had not anticipated the declaration of war and placed orders in advance the army would have been lacking much of its equipment when the training camps opened.

THE RED CROSS

Now that the Christmas is over, the people of Lowell will have an opportunity to give the Red Cross movement a final boost. The Red Cross membership banners were displayed in great numbers in the windows of homes and business places on Christmas day, but there is still an opportunity to increase the number. The campaign has been successful thus far and all should now join in a great push towards the full quota set for Lowell.

SEEN AND HEARD

Happy New Year!
Every man believes he's entitled to a lot of credit he doesn't get.

A reader of this column asks when St. Patrick's church was burned. The date was Jan. 11, 1901.

As a matter of fact Fletcher street cars do not belong in this column, for they're neither seen nor heard.

IT'S ALL OR

She—I tell you, Billy, I won't stand being treated this way. Now that we are engaged—
He—O, I forgot to tell you. That stuff's all off. Miteehaba.

Astonished Creditor

"Well," said an old man the other day, "I have been 45 years in the business and can say what very few can after such an experience. In all that time, my credit, I never disappointed but one single creditor."

"Please me, what an example for our young mercantile community!" replied

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES

A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time.

Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking Scott's Emulsion of Norwegian Cod Liver Oil as a strengthening food and bracing tonic to add richness to her blood and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start Scott's Emulsion today—its fame is world-wide. It is free from alcohol.

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1/2 Pint... 35c
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FAMILY DOCTOR'S GOOD ADVICE

To Go On Taking "Fruit-a-lives" Because They Did Her Good

Rochester, Jan. 14th, 1915.

"I suffered for many years with terrible indigestion and constipation. I had frequent dizzy spells and became greatly run down. A neighbor advised me to try 'Fruit-a-lives'. I did so and to the surprise of my doctor, I began to improve, and he advised me to go on with 'Fruit-a-lives'."

I consider that I owe my life to 'Fruit-a-lives' and I want to say to those who suffer from indigestion, constipation or headaches—'try Fruit-a-lives' and you will get well." **CORINE GAUDREAU, 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdenburg, N.Y.**

(The person addressed, "what a pity that one time occurred. How was it?" "Why," responded the old gentleman, "or paid the debt when it became due, and never in all my life saw a more much astonished."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Poor Profit

Harry Dickson tells of an old negro mammy who was kept from starvation by the white woman who gave her occasional odd jobs to do. Mrs. Dickson, the writer's mother, had found some housework for the old negro, but after working a day or two Mandy said she must quit. "I done had to go out collectin' for de missionary society," she explained. "But I have work for you to do, said Mrs. Dickson. You need all de money you can get."

"I know," said the old mammy, "but I done had to collect for de missionary society."

"What do you get paid for collectin'?" asked Mrs. Dickson. "I don't get paid," said Mandy. "I only gets what I collects."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Why He Wobbled

Capt. George Marvell, head of the motor boat patrol, was arguing with a

"You wobble," said Capt. Marvell. "You hop from this side to that. You are like the dinner guest. Come out to my place to dinner tonight and I'll be glad to see you. 'I'll be glad to, mighty glad to,' said the guest warmly. "Our oldest girl," said the banker, "is standing right behind me. I've got an engagement for tonight. Sorry, old man, but I can't come." "But, and," said Capt. Marvell, "our oldest girl, as I was saying, is standing right behind me. In Chicago, and we're internally lonesome evenings."

"O, I'll cut out that engagement," said the guest, "and come anyhow."—Washington Star.

Some Customer

The aristocratic and plutocratic looking young woman walked into the downtown shoe store and demanded a fitting. (Demanded was the tone of voice.) Majestically she lowered herself into the regulating seat preferred by her by the manager of the department and he assigned Classy Charles, the finest matinee idol in the shop, to the customer.

"The man began by asking to see everything that was shown in the window outside. Classy C. started out to fill the order. He did. But none of the shoes was good enough for her. As the day wore on and the customer stayed, C. C. began to perspire. The other clerks looked on and grinned. Not that they disliked Charles, but, well, there was a feeling among the fellows about him. All this did not change the expression on Charles's face.

"At last, that same winning smile. But finally, after about half the stock had been laid out for inspection, the manager whispered to Charles, 'Are you that rotten?' Which made Charles as mad as could be. He forgot himself. He violated the first rule of etiquette of the shoe clerk. (No, it is the second; the first is to hand out the usual line of shoes.) He yanked off her left shoe. Lo and behold, the stocking on the left foot was full of holes! If the right one was perfect, she'd have the woman's other foot of holes! The clerk gasped. The woman screamed. The other boys laughed.

Then with a sigh it can't be helped, and remarked, 'That we were, and the holes.' She bought a pair of tennis shoes, high tops, two minutes later.—Indianapolis News.

We All Are Like Sheep

How truthful it is that we all like sheep. And lots of us never do look fore we leap. We must follow the crowd—no matter how foolishly doing what others do as silly fashions we copy, because 'It's the style!'

Conversation is dirty 'bout nothing worth while. No matter how needless and harmful things are. We'd have to if we must go near or go far. 'Everyone's wearing them!' Why so then must we. And follow the new freak of styles that we see. Like sheep we do follow along with the crowd. In manner and fashion and things that are lead.

We mortgage our home just to buy a fine car. To run along smoothly without the least jar. To the countless numbers of things that we do. That when we are old I know we will rue. How nice it quite natural we'd all try to be. And not imitate others so much, don't you see.

Relieve Your Liver

When your liver is out of order, your head, stomach, bile and bowels suffer with it. That is why a bilious attack is often serious. Ward it off with a few doses of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

which gently arouse a sluggish liver, and renew the activities so necessary to good health. They never produce any disagreeable after-effects. Their prompt use is beneficial to the system, and will

Prevent Bilious Attacks

Directions of Special Value to Women are with Every Box Sold by druggists throughout the world. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

\$200,000 FIRE AT LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Fire today destroyed four frame buildings fronting the board walk, which parallels the bathing beach and burned away a section of the walk. The property loss was estimated at \$200,000.

Two of the structures were apartment houses and 22 families were made homeless.

Reports of incendiaries were being investigated, the authorities said.

6000 TONS OF COAL REACH BOSTON

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HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN MADE HAPPY BY BROADWAY SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB

Seven hundred children were made happy yesterday afternoon by the members of the Broadway Social and Athletic club when Santa Claus paid his annual visit to the club rooms. He distributed toys, sweets and clothing to the little ones. This is an annual event on the part of the club and the children look forward to it with great anticipation.

Shortly after one o'clock Santa Claus arrived at the rooms and for the next hour he assisted by other members were busy engaged in distributing good things to the children of the neighborhood. Among those who assisted Frederick Lawton as Santa Claus were President Timothy P. O'Sullivan, John Stapleton, Stephen Sughrue, William Madden and James Clancy.

A program of musical numbers was given by the Misses Grogan, Dominick Molloy, James Dowling, John Stapleton, Frederick Lawton, Martin Feeney and others. Representative Donald A. Murphy, who was introduced by the club, gave a short address.

PURSE OF GOLD FOR PASTOR AND WIFE AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Skinner of St. Paul's church were presented a purse of gold at the Christmas tree exercises, which were held last evening under the auspices of the Sunday school. The evening's program, which consisted of the singing of Christmas carols and the presentation of gifts to the Sunday school members, was presided over by Peter Gulesian, while Frank Dunkerley acted the part of Santa Claus. The presentation of the purse to the pastor and his wife was made by William D. Brown. The program followed:

Singing and prayer, pastor; violin and piano duet, by Annie and Lillian Wynne; recitation, "My Speech," Francis Doyle; recitation, "The Star," Vivian Adams; exercise, "Once Upon a Time," Violet Wolfe, Alice Wolfe, Geraldine Adams, Charlotte Shaw; song, "Christmas Bells," primary department; song, "Silent Night," David L. Skinner; exercise, "Bright Little Lights," Gladys Soucy, Mary Livingston, Marion McQuillie, Lois Atkinson, Geraldine Adams, Helen Drew, Julia Goodrich, Bernice Drew; recitation, "A Christmas Carol," Mildred Perry; remarks by "Christmas Aid Society"; recitation, "Somebody's Coming," Hendrick Perry.

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES

The Catholic churches of the city observed Christmas day this year with all the pomp and ceremony that has been in evidence in past years and the various congregations were imbued with the true Christmas spirit.

The altars in the different churches were elaborately adorned with flowers and candles and the solemnity of the ceremonies made the day a most happy one for the devout. Confessions had been heard Monday afternoon and evening and many of the faithful took the opportunity of receiving holy communion at the early masses yesterday morning.

Perhaps the most impressive ceremony of the day was the solemn high mass celebrated at the usual Sunday hour. Special music by augmented choirs added a touch of joyfulness to the occasion. Sermons were given by the most part of the clergy of the day. The special significance of Christmas day this year because of the war was brought out by many of the speakers.

Solemn vespers were held in the evening in a majority of the churches. These services, too, were impressive and were very largely attended. The beauty of the decorations, heightened by the electric illumination, came out even more strongly in the evening than earlier in the day.

At St. Anthony's church there were eight masses yesterday. Right Rev. Bishop da Silva celebrated the pontifical high mass and he also delivered the sermon. He was assisted by Rev. J. O'Leary, pastor of St. Joseph's church, as arch priest. Rev. J. S. Perry as sub-deacon. The church was beautifully decorated. The musical numbers were carried out under the direction of P. G. Bond and Miss Marie O'Donnell presided at the organ.

SALVATION ARMY FEELS THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF THIS POOR

The annual Christmas dinner for the worthy children of the city and for the children of the Salvation Army was given yesterday afternoon in Elks hall, Middle street, and the affair was attended by over 400 kiddies, who at the close of the "feast" voted the affair the best ever.

The menu included roast turkey with all the fixings, while at the close of the dinner each child present was given a box of candy things as well as gifts. The dinner was supervised by Adjutant and Mrs. E. W. Clark. During the afternoon an excellent musical program was given by the Salvation Army orchestra.

FIFTY ARTISTS PAINT PICTURES OF BATTLEFIELDS IN FRANCE

LONDON, December.—Fifty artists have been engaged to paint pictures of battlefields, roads of France, ruined towns and various other war scenes for the Canadian war memorial fund. The paintings are to be exhibited in London for a short time before being sent to Canada, where a building will be erected in which they will remain as a permanent tribute to Canadian war heroes.

The artists engaged include Major Augustus John, D. V. Canby, George H. R. D. O'Brien, Orpen, Julius Olson, Charles Shannon, Frank Brangwyn, Wyndham Lewis, H. W. Nevison, J. W. Morrice, the dozen of Canadian painters and future Tito, the famous Italian painter.

The women chosen are Mrs. Swinerton, Laura Knight, Anna Airy and Claire Atwood. These will do training camp scenes, sanitation workers and Red Cross depots.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP SWELL FUND FOR CHILDREN IN FRANCE

There was no Christmas tree at the gathering of the Central Baptist Sunday school in Chelseaford last evening for it had been decided that instead of having presents to the children, the latter would do their "bit" to help swell the fund for fatherless children in France, and as a result of the collection taken up \$50 was realized. In the course of the evening an excellent musical program was given.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A special meeting of Div. 8, A.O.U.E. held Monday night to take action on the death of James Bowen, one of its members, commanding officers named to attend the funeral. Christmas greetings from Rev. Dr. Keeler were received by Recording Secretary John Barrett and read by President Michael J. Monahan. A communication from the city board inviting the division to attend a meeting on Sunday was also read.

The regular meeting of Loyal Integrity Lodge, L.O.O.F., M.U., was held Monday night in Encomium hall in the Odd Fellows building. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted. P. S. Thos. Chadwick reported for the committee on service flag that he had ordered a flag of suitable size. Warden McCall had the box for the tobacco fund for the soldier members of the order on hand and the contributions to the fund were liberal.

Integrity Staff association held its regular meeting Sunday morning, Dec. 23, with President Thomas M. Smith presiding. There was a large attendance of members and brethren and a number of visiting brothers from Merrimack

U-BOAT KNEW WHEN U.S. ARMY OFFICERS SAILED

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 26.—That the crew of a German submarine made prisoner after their vessel had been destroyed, knew when a large steamship carrying American army officers had left the United States and that the submarine lay in wait to sink her, was the statement of several enlisted men of the American navy who were passengers on a steamship arriving here yesterday.

There was no seaman from the United States flotilla in all upon the vessel. From the sailors it was learned that the United States navy has accounted for several of the Kaiser's U-boats.

Most of them were amused at the final inspection given to them when leaving England. That was to take from them the photographs of sinking submarines that they had snapped when their torpedo boats had made lucky strikes. English papers published these infrequently, but none has reached America yet.

One U-boat, which had been rendered powerless by a depth bomb and came to the surface, where a waving undershirt from the coming tower showed she had surrendered, had a crew in possession of more information than the American seamen had. The Germans were told of prisoners, but the submarine sank, as the sea-cocks had been opened.

While the prisoners were being taken back to a British port one of them noticed a big steamship that the destroyer had been convoying.

"We were looking for her for she had 60 high ranking American officers among her passengers. We were informed she would not be conveyed, as these waters were supposed to be clear of U-boats," said the German.

It was later found by the American seamen that he spoke the truth.

BOYS FIND DYNAMITE HIDDEN IN QUINCY

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Twenty-six sticks of dynamite were found on the outskirts of West Quincy yesterday afternoon by several boys, each stick carefully wrapped in a newspaper, the whole secreted behind a bush.

Efforts by the Quincy police and fire officials to learn the identity of anyone who could throw any light on the explosive were futile.

Because of the factories and ship-building plants around this section engaged in filling war munitions, federal authorities will be asked to take a hand in the investigation.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PREDOMINANT IN EXERCISES HELD LAST EVENING

Christmas exercises were held last evening in the Protestant churches of the city. Many of the churches were decorated for the occasion and the Christmas spirit was predominant in all of the observances.

The Christmas tree celebration at the various churches were perhaps the feature of the day. Special musical programs were carried out at St. Anne's and St. John's Episcopal churches and there were large congregations present. At St. Anne's church there were the usual celebrations of holy communion at 7 and 10:30 a. m. with sermons by the rector, Rev. Apollonia Gramis. A festival service was held Sunday night and this afternoon there was an entertainment for the members of the church and their guests. There will also be an entertainment this evening at 8 o'clock.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. P. E. Nordgren, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church was presented a purse containing \$103.18 yesterday morning, the money having been collected among the members of the church. In the afternoon a special Christmas service was held.

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.. W. W., IRISH AGITATORS AND BOLSHIEV/KIN PLOT OF ALLEGED MASTER SPI

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Evidence has been uncovered by government agents indicating that American Industrial Workers of the World, Russian Bolshevik, Irish agitators and revolutionists in various countries at war with Germany may be seeking to lay the foundation of an elaborate world-wide plan to overthrow existing social orders.

This was admitted yesterday by officials here in connection with news of the discovery of a quantity of rifles, revolvers and ammunition in the Russian freighter Shilka, which has just arrived at a Pacific port, manned by a mutinous Bolshevik crew.

Government agents suspect that the guns and munitions were intended for the Industrial Workers of the World in this country, although it was said a full report on the mysterious cargo has not yet been rendered by officials at the port of arrival.

The Shilka incident is only one of many cases leading officials to believe the connection between plotters in several of the allied countries may be more tangible than the indefinite link of moral sympathy. Certain Irish agitators and I. W. W. leaders recently have gone from the United States to Russia, after being in close touch with each other here and reports have been received that Bolshevik organizers would come to America before long to spread their doctrine of direct action for communal organization.

No objection will be raised by the government to any agitation which

does not interfere with the progress of the war, officials declare.

Officials do not intend to use the exigencies as an excuse for suppressing free speech, except insofar as it leads to hampering the government in the fight against the central powers. This basis of judgment, however, is recognized as broad, and will permit drastic action against foreign agents whose conduct directly or indirectly fosters Germany's war aims.

Action will be particularly swift, officials say, when armed resistance to the law is threatened and when other material forces are employed by the agitators. Customs inspection will serve to prevent importation of arms, and the close supervision of crews of incoming and outgoing vessels is expected to make impossible the traffic of communications on a large scale intended to foster revolutionary activity.

There still are a number of important cases pending in the courts, but government agents can trace remittances and keep a watchful eye on suspicious expenditures. Exports of money are governed so strictly by the government that officials are certain that the chance of American financing of revolutions in other countries is slight.

Although progress of I. W. W. leaders recently has been vigorous, officials have evidence which they claim shows that the menace of this organization, believed to be supported largely by German money, remains strong. Further action against the agitators is forecast. This will be hastened if it is found that the band is working with Russian Bolshevik leaders to bring about a premature peace in Germany's interests, or to hamper America at home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A woman designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, alleged master spy, held here on a presidential warrant, according to information divulged today by federal officials. Schulenberg is said to have been active in plans to destroy bridges and public buildings in Canada and shipping and warehouses in Pacific ports.

Officials said the woman barely escaped arrest here four weeks ago, the day before Schulenberg was captured. Investigation showed, officials said, that the woman had been an agent of Wolf von Igol, alleged head of the German espionage system in this country.

According to federal officials, the woman sent Schulenberg to the United States in 1914 for the alleged purpose of assisting in the maintenance of German wireless stations, supported by the German government for the purpose of obtaining military information and transmitting it to Berlin.

Schulenberg's activities disclosed today showed that in February, 1915, he inserted an advertisement in newspapers of Spokane, Wash., looking for the purchase of a tract of land on which to colonize several hundred Spanish families. These families, federal officials said, were Hindus and the purpose of their colonization was to permit them easy entrance into Canada, where they were to obtain information. The colonization plan did not materialize.

Schulenberg, according to federal officials, was a deserter from the German army and was actuated only by the hope of financial gain. They say he would not admit his connection with the woman agent.

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Each of these gifts had been intended for a child, but as possible the heart's desire of the individual child, and as quickly as the children's names were called from a box containing the present the smiling, bashful young citizen of France walked up and received it.

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and purple lights. Crossed American and French flags were prominently displayed, and from every branch hung boxes of candy, jumping jacks, marbles, and other playthings and a plentiful sprinkling of apples and oranges.

At the base of the tree were many boxes containing toy soldiers, guns, uniforms, tops, sewing sets, heavy woolen mittens, mufflers, warm coats, dresses and shoes.

Then the real, live Santa Claus, who in reality was the French interpreter at headquarters, stepped out. His springing activity called forth another appreciative chorus from the youngsters and the host of khaki-clad soldiers standing in the rear.

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HOOPER SAVED PEOPLE FROM 25 CENT SUGAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Food Administrator Hoover's statement on the sugar situation, which he tried unsuccessfully to get before the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage, was made public last night by the White House.

He attributes the shortage here to the heavy movement of sugar from the western hemisphere to Europe, and asserts that without the fixing of prices by agreement sugar would have been selling for 25 or 30 cents a pound and more than \$200,000,000 probably would have been profiteered from the American people by this time.

The statement contains the food administrator's reply to charges made before the committee by Charles Spreckels, president of the Federal Refining company, that the sugar situation was mismanaged, and set forth in detail the administration's efforts to keep sugar prices down while supplying large quantities to the allies.

The committee, of which Senator Reed is chairman, not only had refused to make the statement a part of the Congressional Record, but has declined thus far to permit Hoover to give evidence before it.

At the outset the statement presents the world sugar situation as it existed prior to the European war. The allies have exported to the allies 110,000 tons of refined sugar, and in the same period Cuba has shipped to Europe 246,133 tons of raw product. This it is declared, has reduced the amount of the shortage in the United States.

Even with these shipments, it is pointed out, the supply in England and in France has been inadequate. Consumption in England has been reduced to 24 pounds a year for each person and in France to 14 pounds, against a consumption in America of 56 pounds.

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the nine months before the food administration came into existence; it was reduced to \$1.30 and a saving of more than \$250,000 per annum was effected.

As a further precaution against profiteering, the administration obtained a voluntary agreement with the beet sugar factories that they would not sell sugar at more than \$7.25 a hundred pounds seaboard. Some, who already had contracted at \$9, rescinded their contracts. This was followed by similar agreements as to Louisiana, Cuban and Hawaiian arrivals.

The net result of these voluntary agreements was to reduce the ruling price of sugar 15 cents west of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, and 1 cent on the Atlantic. Had these arrangements not been made sugar would have risen to 25 or 30 cents a pound.

Many Prosecutions Started

"Numerous prosecutions have been started against firms which have sold sugar at prices of 15 and 20 cents. The consumer sugar bill from the time restraints were imposed until Jan. 1 will be about \$180,000,000. Every cent of this means about \$18,000,000. Twenty-cent sugar would have meant about \$180,000,000 profiteered from the American consumer.

The bill contains a provision in the law to prevent profiteering except by voluntary agreement, as the food bill carried no power to fix prices. These agreements were found to be made with the old manufacturers, including the sugar trust.

It is pointed out that the representatives of a majority of a committee whose duty it is to divide the imported sugar between all equally. The committee has stimulated production, or that a minimum price of \$4.37 was necessary, and even this would stifle some producers.

The price ultimately agreed upon was 25 cents above these figures, or about one-fifth of a cent per pound to the American consumer, and after deduction in refiners' profits, and in net results sugar should be one cent cheaper than the Atlantic consumer next year now.

"If we wish to stifle production in Cuba we would take that course just now. The food administrator has taken the course of increasing production for ourselves and the allies. Further, such a course would produce disturbances in Cuba, and destroy even our present supplies, but beyond all these material reasons is one of justice. This great country has no right to strangle Cuba."

Efforts to Reduce Consumption

The statement recounts the food administrator's efforts to reduce consumption to avert the shortage, which was foreseen in the summer of 1917. The food administrator has conducted a systematic campaign for the reduction of individual consumption. "The reduction has shown in the decrease in candy sales, etc., but on the other hand, a similar campaign for the reduction of fruit has increased consumption in that direction—but will reduce consumption later on. Taking into account the help in our history, it is not certain that there has been any increase in actual consumption and considering the increased rationing, use there may have been a decrease."

Hoover emphatically denies charges that George M. Robb, head of the food administration, and after the war, endeavored to benefit the California refinery of which he is head, through the arrangement of the Cuban price.

SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED

A service flag containing nine stars was unfurled at the Free church of the Ministry-at-Large yesterday afternoon. The service flag was in conjunction with Christmas tree exercises. In the course of the afternoon a varied entertainment program was given, and the children of the Sunday school were presented suitable gifts.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Corporal Edward Nelson of the 101st regiment, A. E. F., now in France and formerly of the Sixth regiment of this city, has written a very interesting letter to his wife, who resides at 505 Middlesex street.

The young soldier, who is the father of a handsome baby and who has been in France for the past four months, tells of having spent a very enjoyable Thanksgiving day and states there is a good time in store for the boys in khaki in France. According to the Lowell soldier, all the gifts that have been sent from Am-

ericans during the Yuletide season would be placed on huge Christmas trees and special parties held on Christmas day in camp. He closes his letter by stating he is in excellent health and most of his time is taken up with clerical work.

Mrs. Nelson was born in this city, but is of German descent. She says she has no relatives in Germany and never saw Germany, and hopes her husband and the other soldiers under the colors of the allies will succeed in putting the Kaiser where he belongs.

Lieut. Joseph Meader

Mrs. C. H. Brown of North Billerica, has received an interesting letter from a relative, Lieut. Joseph Meader, who is now "somewhere in France" with the United States army. The letter:

In Camp in France.

You cannot imagine my great surprise and heartfelt gratitude for the substantial gift which you sent, which were perfect just what I needed; also the file of selected, up-to-date illustrated magazines, newspapers, etc., in which much labor and painstaking are shown—much came with them, and lots of all the long, spicy letter, chock full of good cheer, with news from home, affording me lots of pleasure and amusement, as well as that of the boys who are sharing them with me.

The selections cover such a large field—war, national, state and local news, science, religion and local news, covering some three months' time of our absence from our dear old home, there was found something interesting to all of us.

The editors, clippings from the Literary Digest, pictures of familiar faces and places, the endearing number of large industries employed in the world's activities, the food sacrifice made, the billions of money raised, all helping, even the little children, "their bill," has so intensely interested the boys that they call it Mrs. Brown's moving picture show and have asked long hours at night when they read, as well as courage to do my duty in the supreme hour of danger.

The boys, although straining, join me in most hearty good wishes to both you and your husband, for a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Most sincerely,
Joe Meader.

Private John Clement

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clement of 17 West Fifth avenue have received the following letter from their son, Private John Clement, who is with one of the

American expeditionary units somewhere in France:

Nov. 11, 1917.

Dear Mother and Father—Just a few lines to let you know that I am feeling fine. I received two letters from home today, both dated Dec. 21. We are just now the wind is getting a little sharp. You see we are up in part of the zone and there is great scenery around here. The leaves are not off the trees yet.

The people here do all their cooking in fireplaces. This is some life, believe me. When we get back home, we will be able to sleep on picket fences, but when we get to Berlin we'll have cinders to sleep in.

They are getting things ready for a boxing match tonight. There's something doing around here all the time. Well, it's along way from home over here, but we're always smiling and having fun. The weather is hard, but we smile. In the house where I am billeted, "the man of the house" is a great hunter. He got a wild boar a little while ago. The soldiers have killed their pretty well cleaned out, though.

There are hens of every description and color here and the pigs have ears longer than mules.

Everybody here is feeling rather happy today because we get two months' pay tomorrow. Well, I guess I'll close now.

From your loving son, John.

MATRIMONIAL

Fred Boldenberg and Miss Jennie Howarth were married Dec. 22 at the home of the bride, 493 Gorham street by Rev. N. W. Matthews. Harry Stevens and Mrs. Mary Alice Stevens were married Dec. 22 at the home of the bride, 493 Gorham street.

Edward Kouff and Miss Zella Jones, both of Tewksbury, were married Monday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Charles H. Nutter and Miss Elsie S. Wallace were married Dec. 6 at the First Baptist church by Rev. A. C. Archibald. The couple will make their home at 493 Gorham street.

John Alfred Tonks and Miss Edith M. G. Davidson were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Harry Parker of Sanford, Me., and a member of the National Army at Ayer, and Miss Stella Stead of this city, were married Monday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Green—Park

Louis R. Green and Miss Annie R. C. Park were married Dec. 18 by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Whittaker—Page

John J. Whittaker and Miss Edith L. Page were married Monday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Corbell—Albert

Alphonse Corbell of Dracut and Miss Rose Albert of this city were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. The witnesses were Rev. Albert, father of the bride, and Philip Corbell, father of the groom. At the close of the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride.

OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY

Specials tomorrow—Ladies' \$1.15 house dresses, 50c; \$3.00 Rungelow Aprons, 50c; \$1.00 Silk Stockings, 40c; Boys' \$3.00 Suits, \$5.95; Boys' 50c Caps, 30c; Men's \$1.00 Shirts, 70c; Men's 50c Cotton or Wool Hose, 30c; Men's 65c Neckwear, 50c. Merriamack Clothing Co., Across from City Hall.

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—with the season's offerings of sea food. Preferred everywhere with lobster, oysters, clams or fish dishes for its appetizing, zestful, healthful properties. Manufactured from the finest cereals and genuine Saazer Hops.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH
St. Louis, U.S.A.

Amoy—Bolsvert

Joseph A. Amoy and Miss Marie Josephine Bolsvert were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. Joseph Amoy and Narcisse Gilman acted as witnesses.

Ash—Scott

Moses E. Ash and Mrs. Augusta P. Scott were married Monday by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Gorham Street P. M. church. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leitch.

Loftes—Grubbe

Clarence Loftes and Miss Edith Grubbe, both of Boston, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ogren, 65 Puffer street last evening, the officiating clergyman being Rev. P. Nordmark. The witnesses were George Loftes and Mrs. Alva Ogren.

Fountain—Hubert

Pierre William Fountain and Miss Anne Hubert were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. The witnesses were the fathers, Pierre Fountain and Pierre Hubert.

Langlais—Proulx

The marriage of Joseph Antoine Langlais and Miss Marianne Rosalba Proulx took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. Isidore Hudon and Philip Dufresne acted as witnesses.

Lambert—Pelchat

Thomas Lambert and Miss Henriette Pelchat were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Augustin Gratton, O.M.I. The couple were attended by Joseph LeTourneau and Francis Pelchat.

Brown—Moore

John S. Brown of Carleton, Me., and a member of the National Army at Ayer, and Miss Mina Moore of this city were married yesterday at the home of the bride, 35 Parkville street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Isaac W. Hanson of Haverhill, G. I. Knox of Carleton, Me., was best man, while the bridesmaid was Mrs. G. I. Knox. After a brief wedding trip, the bridegroom will return to the army, while the bride will make her home with her parents in this city.

Pratte—Courtemanche

Arthur Pratte and Miss Rose Courtemanche were married at St. Joseph's rectory, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Rosario Jalbert, O.M.I. The groom was attended by his stepfather, while the bride's witness was her father, Bartholomew Courtemanche. At the close of the ceremony a dinner was served at the home of the bride, 31 Perkins street, where the couple will make their home after an extended wedding trip.

Belair—Belair

Victor Belair and Miss Anna Belair were married Dec. 23 at Notre Dame rectory, the officiating clergyman being the pastor, Rev. Leon Lamotte, O.M.I. The bride wore a blue suit with picture hat to match and carried roses. The witnesses were Rev. Augustin Gratton, O.M.I. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 1 Watson avenue. The couple will make their home in North Andover after an extended wedding trip.

Hall—Leblond

Louis Frederick Hall and Miss Marie Reatrice Leblond were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. The witnesses were Albert Arpin and Miss Laura Provost.

Nardin—Theriot

Last evening at St. Joseph's rectory, the marriage of Nardin Theriot of this city were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I. Elzear and Jean Theriot acted as witnesses.

Patenault—Vachon

Louis J. Patenault and Miss Edith Emilia Vachon were married yesterday afternoon at St. Louis church by Rev. P. G. Gauthier. The couple were attended by Elzear Patenault and Telephore Vachon.

Chamberlain—Lema

POWER OF
IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional assertions in recent Petrograd despatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviks was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special despatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed today. Nearly all make the point in one form or other that defection from the workmen's and soldiers' organization is growing constantly.

Among the causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

Troops Refused to Obey Orders

The correspondents cite instances of Bolshevik troops refusing to march, declining to attack the Ukrainians and continuing on page four

CITY COUNCIL CREATES
ANOTHER NEW JOB

An ordinance for the creation of a new job, that of superintendent of the contagious hospital, was presented by Commissioner Warrick at a regular meeting of the municipal council and the ordinance was passed to be ordered. In an endeavor to conserve fuel and save money for the city, Commissioner Warrick requested and he was authorized to confer with the officials of the Lowell Electric Light Corp. and the Lowell Gas Light Co. for the purpose of reducing the number of lights now in use in the streets of the city. A number of personal claims were settled while others were put over until next Saturday morning, at which time hearings will be held. One error was drawn for the grand jury while fourteen others were selected for the civil session of the superior court. The meeting was presided by Commissioner Warrick. The U. S. Shipping and Shuttling Co. was given a hearing on its petition for permission to keep gasoline in Rogers street and there being no remonstrants the petition was referred. After a hearing had been held the petition of the Lowell Electric Light Corp. for the erection of two poles in Livingston street was referred.

An order for the payment of \$750 to Sarah Goldman for personal injuries was introduced by Commissioner Donnelly, but Commissioner Morse objected on the grounds that there was conflicting testimony in the case. John J. Harvey representing Mrs. Goldman was present and he said he was ready to go on with the hearing. It was finally voted to lay the matter on the table until Saturday morning. Similar action was taken with the order for the payment of \$1000 to Emma Crockett for personal injuries.

One juror was drawn for the grand jury session by Commissioner Brown and the following name was picked from the box: Joseph Meany, 43 Laurel street, engineer. The following ten jurors for the civil session of the superior court were drawn by Commissioner Brown:

George M. Campbell, 48 East Merrimack street, dealer.

Joseph A. Desrosiers, 92 Colonial avenue, clothing dealer.

Ernest Lundgren, 31 Houghton street, dealer.

Cyrus R. Bassett, 32 Meadowcroft street, farmer.

Arthur P. Clancy, 32 Gershom avenue, conductor.

Stephen Pelletier, 153 School street, dealer.

Fred M. Ranlett, 445 Merrimack street, dealer.

Elbert J. Gilmore, 145 Beacon street, superintendent.

Arthur Dubois, 4 Robert street, realtor.

Charles Sharf, 273 Pawtucket street, candy store.

The following jurors were drawn for the superior court to be held in Cambridge on the 14th day of January:

Frederick F. Meloy, 30 Fort Hill avenue, clerk.

Chester A. Kennedy, 114 Warwick street, clerk.

John A. Thompson, 161 Methuen street, hardware dealer.

Daniel P. Henry, 140 Andover street, dealer.

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WITH THE ARMY
AND NAVY

Lowell men who enlist in the navy will not be forwarded to Newport, Norfolk and other training stations immediately upon their enlistment but will have to remain in Lowell until receiving orders to depart for duty, according to instructions received by Chief

IF YOUR STOMACH

IS SO COMFORTABLE

You scarcely realize you have one. You don't congratulate yourself. It is not probable, however, that you are so fortunate—few people are nowadays.

Most people need to take Dys-pepsia—the sugar-coated, pleasant-tasting tablets that so promptly correct undue acidity of the stomach, stop belching, relieve heartburn, nausea and other symptoms of indigestion or dyspepsia.

Dys-pepsia is sold at 10c, 25c or 51 by all druggists. Prepared only by their originators, C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

"TIME TO SAVE"



Interest Begins Jan. 12th

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Still Learning Our ABC's

Storekeeping is something that cannot be learned through the correspondence schools, although correspondence schools are all right as far as they go. The successful storekeeper is he who, with strenuous labor, study, and vision has devoted himself day in and day out to the welfare of customers.

We have never stopped studying and are just as anxious to learn today as when we started in business. Therefore, we ask seriously that you be good enough to point out our faults to us, thus giving us the mirror through which we may see ourselves as you see us. We enter life of learning and A R 1's.

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COAL SITUATION AT NEWPORT SERIOUS

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 26.—Superintendent Gosling announced this noon that he has only coal enough to run the day out and that unless relief is afforded this afternoon orders will be issued to shut down the Ray State power plant. This will mean throwing streets, homes and stores and for into darkness, the stopping of all street cars, the going cold of the ranges of the residents' camp shacks and even severing the island from the main line as the stone bridge at Tiverton will have to be left open.

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Government May be Compelled
to Pool Coal and Sell it at
Reasonable PricesFuel Administrator Garfield Testifies
Before Senate Investigating Committee—Says War Demands for Bituminous Coal Greater Than Mines Could Meet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Fuel Administrator Garfield told the senate investigating committee today that if the war continued very long the government would be compelled to pool coal and sell it at reasonable prices. Some coal operators, he said, were making the greatest profits in their history, but he considered high prices a stimulus to the great production the war demands.

The fuel administrator said he saw little relief in prospect for the railroads until after their operation was centralized. War demands for bituminous coal have been greater than mines could meet, although the increase of production this year has been normal, Fuel Administrator Garfield said. In an effort to alleviate conditions, he said, the fuel administration was laying emphasis on stimulating production rather than regulating price.

"When the operators complain that prices fixed by the president are too low, we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt," Dr. Garfield said. Senator Kenyon asked the fuel administrator if he had information of how low we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt. Dr. Garfield said he had no information of how low we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt. Dr. Garfield said he had no information of how low we are inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt.

American Ship With Her
Entire Crew of 35 Men
Believed Lost at Sea

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the United States shipping board for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advices received in shipping circles today from Nova Scotia.

The crew of the Tuscarora were recruited in New England ports. She was commanded by Capt. Crowell from Cape Cod. The Tuscarora, before being requisitioned by the shipping board, was owned by the Loh Valley Transportation company, and operated between lake ports. In September the vessel, with others, was out in two on the lakes, towed through the Welland canal, and rejoined at Montreal, from where she sailed for New York Dec. 6. The last word of her was received when she passed Father Point on the St. Lawrence the following day.

A large number of former lake ships were caught in the heavy storm of two weeks ago and all but the Tuscarora have been reported. Today advices were received in shipping circles here that parts of a bridge, pilot house and deck timbers from a large steamer had washed ashore on St. Paul island, about 30 miles northeast from Cape Breton, on Cape Breton Island. While there is as yet no positive identification of the wreckage as part of the Tuscarora, shipping men familiar with that coast and the prevailing tides there and who keep track of the progress of the storm believe it is the missing lake steamer.

The vessel was registered at 2386 tons gross and was built in 1899. Lifebreak Picked Up HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—A lifebreak from the American steamer Tuscarora, believed to have been lost with all hands, was picked up today by the light keeper on St. Paul island. Wreckage found nearby indicated that the steamer was dashed against the cliffs in a storm last week. There was no trace of the crew. St. Paul's island lies between Cape Breton and Newfoundland, and many ships have been lost on its rocky shores.

Senate Requests Sec. Baker to
Suspend All Routine and
Rush Clothing to Troops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Aroused by reports of shortages of winter clothing in national army camps, the senate military affairs committee today in resuming its investigation into war conditions adopted a resolution requesting the secretary of war to immediately ascertain conditions by wire, supply deficient troops, and suspend departmental routine if necessary, by direct purchases from sources near the camps.

The resolution concludes: "It is the sense of this committee that, with the cold season now on, the usual routine shall be suspended as to this matter and that the commanding officers of the several camps shall be directed, if this is the quickest way, to buy these articles at the nearest points to their camps, at which they can be obtained, so that our soldiers may be supplied as soon as possible."

The clothing situation was discussed by the committee in executive session. Senator McKellar submitting details of replies he had received from camp commanders. Camps reported adequately supplied with overcoats and blankets were Hatcher, Houston, Hempstead, Devens, Haverhill, and Lee. Commandants of other camps, in reply to Senator McKellar's inquiries, referred him to the war department.

The resolution offered by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, declares that "upon unquestioned proof" there is a shortage of at least 20,000 overcoats and 47,000 woolen blankets in nine national army cantonments. Its adoption followed the testimony last week of Quartermaster General Sharpe, who admitted shortage of winter equipment in some camps, but said

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
FROM "OVER THERE"

(Special to The Sun)
The following cablegram from Capt. F. C. Pelletier, a Lowell man in charge of construction engineers in France, was received by The Sun at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon:

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE—I wish all my Lowell friends a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

CAPTAIN F. C. PELLETIER.

Capt. Pelletier is the commander of Co. B of the first battalion of the Fourth Reserve Engineer regiment. The regiment was encamped at Rockingham park, Salem, N. H., before leaving for the front last summer. Co. B is made up principally of Boston & Maine railroad employees and there are a number of Lowell men in the company including Corp. "Jack" Donovan who has sent a number of letters to a member of The Sun staff. Capt. Pelletier has also written to The Sun from "over there" before.

OVER THE TOP FOR LOWELL
IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Local Red Cross campaign workers put in their final drive today to get the city "over the top" with 30,000 members for the great society and although nothing definite will be known until after this evening's meeting, it is confidently anticipated that the Spindle City will have done her proportionate share when the final returns are in.

One of the encouraging features of the last day of the campaign came through Boy Scout channels. The scouts have been working hard in the drive and their great object was to obtain 1000 new members. Scout Executive Alex Williams was feeling a little doubtful of the success of this undertaking this morning when Rev. Joseph Denis, scoutmaster of Troop 28, came into the scout headquarters and calmly announced that his troop had secured a total of 150 new members for the Red Cross. This is considered a remarkable showing for one troop and

AUTOIST HELD ON CHARGE
OF MANSLAUGHTER

A hearing on the complaint of manslaughter against Frank Henry of 488 School street, Concord, N. H., charging him with having caused the death of Joshua Davis, aged 55 years, of North Chelmsford at about 5.10 o'clock on the afternoon of October 20, 1917.

was heard before Judge John J. Pickman in the court of second sessions this morning. An inquest into the cause of death was held before Judge Thomas J. Enright a short time ago and the finding was that death was caused by the

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was found impossible to hold them, the war office announced today.

An Austro-German attack was launched between Col del Rosso and the French valley. The enemy, however, was not able to advance beyond Sasso (close beside the Col del Rosso heights).

GERMAN REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 26, via London.—Violent counter-attacks against the Austro-German positions on Col del Rosso and neighboring heights on both sides broke down yesterday with heavy losses, says the official statement issued today by the German general staff.

CONDITIONS OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS FORCES DESCRIBED AT INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Conditions in the American Overseas forces are described today to the senate military committee when it took up its inquiry into war operations. General officers of the National army just back from inspection trips in France were called by the committee, when it temporarily postponed further examination of Quartermaster General Sharpe.

Officers testifying included Maj. Gen. John P. O'Rourke and Maj. Gen. Edwin St. John Greble.

The committee closed its doors to hear Gen. O'Rourke's statement regarding the American expedition abroad, his testimony regarding sufficiency of rifle and other ordnance equipment, clothing and other supplies of Gen. Pershing's forces, the committee felt, should not be made public.

STRIKES DELAY WORK OF SHIPBUILDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—More than a half million working days the equivalent of the labor of 20,000 workmen for a solid month have been lost to the government's shipbuilding program through strikes and lockouts, R. E. Stevens of the shipping board today told the senate investigating committee.

A total of 538,992 working days were lost, Mr. Stevens said. This situation, however, is now much improved, on the Pacific coast the shipping board has put in effect a uniform wage scale and is arranging a similar scale in the east.

To make the shipbuilding program a success the shipping board, Mr. Stevens said, must double the number of men engaged in shipbuilding work. There are now employed in the country's yards, he said, about 150,000 workers.

What are the prospects of getting these additional men? asked Senator Harding.

"I think it can be done," Mr. Stevens replied. There are many industries from which men can be drawn and trained in a short time to make them good shipyard workers."

ITALIANS UNABLE TO HOLD CAPTURED GROUND

ROME, Dec. 26.—Col del Rosso and Monte Val Bella, on the Asiago plateau, were captured by Italian forces in a counter-attack yesterday, but it

The Cry Baby

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OLD EIGHTH FROM BAY STATE WINS CUP

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 26.—The New England units, representing the 56th and 8th Massachusetts regiments, 1st Vermont, 1st Maine, 1st New Hampshire and 1st Connecticut, spent Christmas day in Charlotte. All of these units had a Christmas tree and a Christmas dinner.

The citizens of Charlotte provided refreshments and prizes for athletic events and more than 30 units entered. Gen. Sweetser's New England division

of National guardsmen making a sweep, taking more than four-fifths of the honors.

The 8th Massachusetts, commanded by Col. Perry, won the laurels of the day. The cup offered to the regiment winning the highest number of points went to the old 8th, formerly commanded by Gen. Sweetser, who had the pleasure of presenting his old command with the trophy of the day.

Gen. Sweetser was presented with a loving cup by all of the people of Charlotte for his efforts in promoting the events of the day.

ELECTRIC CARS DELAYED

Many of the working people who depend on the Bay State cars to carry them to work in the early morning were late upon arriving at their places

of employment this morning, owing to the tying up of about thirty electric cars on the west side of the Middlesex street crossing, when a freight car got stalled on the crossing near the depot.

It was about 20 minutes before the obstruction was removed and the cars able to proceed. There was considerable complaint, but this was one of the instances where the street railway company was not to blame.

Supt. Loes of the local division stated to a representative of The Sun today that there is enough of coal at the Middlesex street power house to last for five days and that two cars each, containing 65 tons of coal, are expected to be delivered in Lowell today.

ARMY AND NAVY

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vies, escape the draft and yet not give up their civilian "jobs" until the eve of their departure.

Canadian Forces

The three latest recruits for the Canadian expeditionary forces from Lowell are as follows: Arthur G. Walcott, 188 Hiall street; Ralph K. Smith, 775 Broadway, and Archie Tessier, 139 Hiall street. Tessier and Walcott joined the 349th Canadian battalion and Smith has not yet chosen his unit. All three men were scheduled to depart for "up there" today.

There is practically nothing doing at the regular army recruiting station in Central street these days. Sergt. Cox is still awaiting orders to send a number of Lowell men to Fort Slocum.

Solon W. Kirkby, son of Martin L. Kirkby of 679 Westford st., is stationed with the regular army medical corps in Boston and is a member of the examining staff. Many of the recruits for the regular army are examined in the division where the Lowell boy is stationed and the work is very interesting. Kirkby spent the Christmas holidays in Lowell.

Christmas at Home

Joseph A. Lambert, an ambulance driver in United States hospital 1, stationed at New York City, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonie Lambert, 15 Rockdale avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert also received a card from another son, Corp. Leo N. Lambert, announcing his arrival in San Antonio, Texas, where he is a member of the aviation corps. Sergt. Roy C. Forrester, late of the

Princess Pat's regiment, was a visitor at the war work headquarters in Merrimack street this morning and incidentally brought with him a number of souvenirs from the front. The souvenirs were placed on exhibition and the public is cordially invited to inspect them.

Merrill G. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris of Varnum avenue, spent Christmas with his parents after several months' absence during which he has visited France as a radio operator on one of the United States ships. Operator Morris enlisted in the navy last May in the radio department. At first he was stationed "somewhere along the Atlantic coast" but later he was given an opportunity to visit France when his vessel brought soldiers and supplies over

there. He saw an American hospital and he says that some of the feats of surgery which are considered merely matters of routine by the surgeons and nurses are really wonderful. He saw a number of American soldiers and said that they were all looking fine.

Private R. G. Paterson of Battery F has been promoted to corporal according to a message received recently by The Sun.

A number of Lowell young men are at present stationed at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. They were recently transferred from Camp Devens and are now doing their bit in the vicinity of the national capital. Among them are Private Thomas McCollough, formerly employed by a local laundry, and Private Leahy of Pollard street. The men are under orders to be prepared to go to France at any time.

SALE STARTS TOMORROW

Save and Serve! It's our country's message to all patriotic citizens, and as merchants, we are better prepared than usual to help you "do your bit."

We'll Serve You So That You Can Save

The Bon Marche
DRY GOODS CO.

SALE STARTS TOMORROW

We are going to make this sale give you substantial relief from the present high cost of living by offering you great stocks of wearing apparel.

AT RADICAL PRICE REDUCTIONS

BIG CLEARANCE SALE OF READY-TO-WEAR

The Most Important Selling Event in the Past Two Years

Women's and Misses' Wearing Apparel at Greatly Reduced Prices

COATS, SUITS, WAISTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES, Etc.

Here are wonderful opportunities to reap savings on desirable, dependable, seasonable and fashionable merchandise which can be used for months to come. We earnestly invite you to come and get a big share of these remarkable values.



Sale
Starts
Tomorrow

COATS

Velour Coats, half lined, with fur collars.

Were \$15.00 and \$18.00.

Sale Price.....

\$9.75

SUITS

Suits in broadcloth and velours

Were \$32.50, \$35.00 and \$37.50.

Sale Price.....

\$19.50

SILK DRESSES

Dresses of silk and satin.

Were \$15.00 and \$18.95.

Sale Price.....

\$10.95

WAISTS

Lingerie and silk waists.

Were \$1.98 and \$2.98.

Sale Price.....

\$1.49

COATS

Coats in velour, wool, plushes and broadcloth, half lined.

Were \$19.95 and \$23.50.

Sale Price.....

\$13.50

PLUSH COATS

Coats in Rafin seal and Salts plushes, all sizes.

Were \$29.50, \$32.50, \$35.00 and \$37.50.

Sale Price.....

\$25.00

SILK DRESSES

Dresses of silk and satin, all colors and sizes.

Were \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.50.

Sale Price.....

\$14.95

WAISTS

Waists of georgette, crepe de chine and lace.

Were \$4.98, \$5.98 and \$6.98.

Sale Price.....

\$3.85

COATS

Coats in velour and bolivias, fur and plush collars.

Were \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$29.50.

Sale Price.....

\$18.50

SUITS

Suits in broadcloth, gabardine and mixtures.

Were \$22.50 and \$25.00.

Sale Price.....

\$15.00

SUITS

Sample suits in velvet, chiffon broadcloth and velours, some fur trimmed.

Were \$17.50, \$19.50 and \$55.00.

Sale Price.....

\$35.00

SERGE DRESSES

Serge dresses in blue, black and brown.

Were \$20.00 and \$22.50.

Sale Price.....

\$14.95

COATS

Coats in silvertones, velours, broadcloths and pom pom bolivia, fur trimmed.

Were \$35.00, \$37.50 and \$39.50.

Sale Price.....

\$25.00

SALTS PLUSH COATS

A great value in Salts plush coats.

Were \$27.50.

Sale Price.....

\$22.50

SILK DRESSES

Sample dresses in silk, satin and georgette.

Were \$29.50, \$32.50 and \$35.00.

Sale Price.....

\$25.00

CHILDREN'S COATS

Children's coats in velvet, corduroy and velours, mostly gray, blue and brown.

Were \$9.98 and \$11.98.

Sale Price.....

\$5.98

COATS

Coats in pom pom bolivias and velours, mostly sample coats with fur collars and cuffs.

Were \$42.50, \$45.00 and \$49.50.

Sale Price.....

\$37.50

SUITS

Suits in velour and chiffon broadcloth, fur trimmed; most of these are sample suits.

Were \$59.50, \$45.00 and \$42.50.

Sale Price.....

\$25.00

SERGE DRESSES

Dresses in serge and poplin.

Were \$15.00 and \$16.95.

Sale Price.....

\$11.95

CHILDREN'S HATS

Balance of children's hats in velvet and corduroy, trimmed with ribbon and velvet.

Were \$1.49 and \$1.98.

Sale Price.....

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HUNGARIAN WAR AIMS ARE ANNOUNCED

LONDON, December.—Partial dismemberment of Rumania, control of the Danube river and domination of Serbia are the Hungarian war aims as defined in the Budapest Hirlap, organ of Count Stephen Tisza, formerly premier of Hungary.

"We want part of Rumania, an area of about 15,000 square kilometers, including Buzen, Danubiois and Pruhovo," declares the newspaper. "Why? Because it is preferable for us to have a frontier near Bucharest. The cannon will roll better descending the Carpathians. The Rumanian fox must not play the role of the wolf between the Magyar town of Buzen and the Bulgarian Dobruja. The richest oil wells are there, and the best salt mine is at Pruhovo."

"Then we want 10,000 square kilometers near Orsova and in the elbow of the Danube. Why? Because it is preferable that our door should be shut. Let us possess the Danube in common with the Bulgarians, in order to make the Berlin-Bagdad route more sure."

"In the peace treaty we must be assured of a 20 years' right to construct an Austro-Hungarian canal across the Moravo-Vardar valley, which must be under our administration and control. To make this certain we shall demand that the Serbian army be permanently suppressed and the Serbian throne occupied by a sovereign approved by the emperor of Austria-Hungary."

"A miracle will be accomplished in the 20th century; seven hundred millions of men in China and India will enter the productive system of European activity. That will mean an influx of gold from the new east to the new west. It is Germany which will be this new west."

ONLY 1200 AMERICANS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

MANILA, December. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—More than half the Americans formerly in the employ of the Philippine government have been dismissed since July 1913. There are now a few more than 1200 Americans in the service whereas, four years ago, just before the arrival of the new democratic administration, there were more than 2500.

Meanwhile there has been a steady increase naturally in Filipino employees of the government, the list showing 1000.

The law which permits Americans of long service with the government to retire with a three-year pension ranging from 60 per cent of a year's salary to the full amount, is largely responsible for the number of American retirements which have increased very largely since the law was passed. The past year has seen 400 retirements and the previous year saw almost as many more.

The policy of the Harrison administration in training Filipinos as rapidly as possible for responsible positions in the government service has made the successors of these retired Americans almost entirely Filipino. This fact, together with the increasing activities of the government, due to increased prosperity in the islands, is responsible for the big increase of Filipinos in the government service.

CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN AFTER WAR IN GERMANY

COPENHAGEN, December. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Plans for general conscription of women after the war are being made in Germany, and there is a general feeling that girls, as well as boys, will be compelled to undergo a regular period of training corresponding to the German youth's service in the army.

The service proposed for girls is not military but civil. It is proposed that all women should, preferably at the age of 17, be taken from their homes and compulsorily "trained" either in a profession, a trade, or in household duties.

The characteristic German division between rich and poor is maintained in the project. Girls of the upper classes are to be trained in special institutions; poor girls will go to factories or be placed in private households, where their employers will give them a trifle of pocket money and make a contribution to the state.

The idea meets with wide commendation in the German newspapers, but one English critic notes that "there is some difference between male conscription which puts a man into a regiment run by and for the state, and female conscription which makes a girl work without wage for the profit of private individuals. The latter cannot with accuracy be called anything but slavery."

A short time ago a Berlin sociological society offered a series of prizes for the best essay on compulsory service for women, and 145 essays were submitted. The best two have just been published. The magazine, Soziale Praxis, in reviewing the essays submitted, says:

"There is general agreement that by a thorough compulsory training, the services of women to the country will become much greater than heretofore. Opinions differ as to whether after leaving school girls should be trained principally for a profession or for household duties. The lesson of the war which has brought into clear relief the abilities of women in both spheres, is perhaps that in future a middle course should be adopted."

"The training in households is to be regularly supervised with a view to seeing whether the girl really learns something there and is not merely making a drudge, and she must be allowed time to attend the Women's Service school. The employers are to give a small sum as pocket money to the 'conscripts' and pay the state a levy for the services rendered. This revenue is to provide the means for creating the Women's Service homes."

CONCERT AND DANCE AT ASSOCIATE HALL

Everything is in readiness for Lowell's big "Military night" this evening in Associate hall when Co. C of the 302d machine gun battalion, Lowell's own company, will stage a benefit concert and dance in aid of its company fund. It is expected that Associate hall will be filled to capacity with Lowell

people who want to do their bit for their representatives at Camp Devens. A number of contributions to the company fund have already been received from Lowell people and include the following:

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In many of the clerical sections of the ordnance department they work side by side with the uniformed English girls belonging to the Women's Auxiliary Army corps and in these departments a numerical system of marking has been adopted in order to facilitate sorting. As most of the French girls have no knowledge of English, more than 1000 French women are engaged in the "Receipts and Salvage Department," where the work includes the repairing of respirators and other equipment, the scrubbing and renewal of harness and leather materials in an oil bath, and the sorting of recovered cartridges and water bottles.

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What You Surely Need
is a healthy, active, industrious liver.
Small doses, taken regularly, insure that.

Maybe You Need
a purgative sometimes.
Then take one larger dose.

Keep that in mind; it will pay you rich dividends in Health and Happiness.

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XMAS TREE EXERCISES IN THE CHURCHES

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A Christmas concert was held in the church last Sunday morning by the junior and senior choirs and members of the Sunday school.

Centralville Church

At the Centralville M. E. church last evening Christmas exercises were carried out and the feature of the evening's program was two well loaded Christmas trees from which presents were distributed. The entertainment included the singing of Christmas carols by the audience, a solo by Laura Callahan and recitations by Caroline Shultz and Meredith Whitney. The affair was in charge of Reginald Nichols and Andrew Swapp.

SCARCITY OF COAL MAY DELAY RE-OPENING OF TEXTILE SCHOOL

The Lowell Textile school closed Monday for the annual Christmas vacation and will not re-open until Jan. 4 and perhaps later if the coal situation becomes too serious.

After the Christmas recess practice for the hockey and basketball teams will begin and it is expected that the Moody street boys will show up well in both branches of sport this season. The football season recently closed was a very successful one. Lowell won four out of five games played.

A 15-foot service flag bearing 50 stars will be unfurled at the school when studies are taken up again. Textile has a total of 22 men in the national service at the present time. The last two recruits were H. Wood, '20 and G. Pepler, '21, who enlisted as ambulance drivers a few days ago.

EFFORT TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY HERE

At a meeting of the board of health held late Monday afternoon, the officials of the board went on record as favoring the making of an appropriation which shall allow the hiring of one nurse for educational work among young mothers in an endeavor to reduce the infant mortality rate in this city, the having been recently recommended by Miss Elizabeth Robinson of the state department of health, who has been making a survey of the subject in this city.

Present at the meeting, besides Miss Robinson, were Dr. Joseph D. Jones, Ed and Hon. John E. Drury of the board of health, and Dr. Charles E. Simpson of the state department of health. In the course of the meeting Miss Robinson presented her data relative to the birth rates in the various wards of the city, also the death rates among children in those wards. She said the death rate among children was high.

Phosphated Iron certainly does take hold. The way the majority of patients came back is remarkable. You can almost see their nerves grow steady, strong and peaceful.

What a change in appearance, too. The cheeks become filled out and flushed with the healthy ruddy glow that only pure, red, ironized blood can give, eyes sparkle, their step has the spring and swing of youth and their whole system seems to be alive with energy and good spirits.

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Announcement

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BEGINS THURSDAY MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK

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HUN ATROCITIES ON AMERICANS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—German atrocities against American soldiers are officially reported. An American soldier has been found with his throat cut, and, it is officially declared, "he must have been so killed after capture."

Information concerning German savagery has reached the troops in one of a series of bulletins read to them by the unit commanders and posted on the bulletin boards. Here is what they heard:

"After a raid by the Germans on trenches held by American troops a lone sentry of the 10th division was found with his throat cut from ear to ear. He had been surprised by an overwhelming force of Germans and must have been so killed after capture."

"Such brutality is familiar to old soldiers who served against savages in the Philippine campaign."

Another bulletin tells the men how the Germans in occupied sections of France and Belgium are turning women and children out of their homes into the snow, the buildings being then given over to soldiers, horses and material.

MORE SUGAR FOR NEW ENGLAND

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The expected visit today of the S. S. *Albatross*, third consignment of Louisiana raw sugar amounting to 4000 tons will bring about a better sugar situation in New England than has prevailed for many months. The second consignment is now being unloaded and the steamer which brought it here will soon leave for Cuba to load one of the first crops of the new crop of sugar from that country.

REVOLUTIONARY PLOT IN RUMANIA

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—News of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand of Rumania has been received at the Smolny institute, the Bolshevik headquarters, according to the evening newspapers. There are also said to be disturbed conditions in Rumania. These reports are confirmed in some respects by despatches received here indicating unsettled conditions in Rumania and a political crisis.

A Bolshevik despatch announces that 6000 troops of General Korniloff's command have been defeated near Bielgorod by Bolsheviks, chiefly soldiers and sailors. Many machine guns and much ammunition, it is said, have been captured.

The Bolsheviks have begun an attack on Khar'kov, about 400 miles south of Moscow. The Bolsheviks control railroads to the south, according to the official news agency, which adds that a telephone message from Moscow declares that a large force of Cossacks and railway men have stopped troops from proceeding north of Tzaritzin, in the Ukraine.

The official news agency announces that a semi-official denial has been issued in Stockholm to Russian reports that Sweden is moving troops toward Finland and is sending forces opposite Vasa and the Aland islands.

On Dec. 10 the Bolshevik government announced that General Korniloff's forces had been defeated at Bielgorod, which is about 10 miles north of Khar'kov, and three days later it was said that General Korniloff had been wounded and that his capture was expected.

There has been little news from Rumania since the Rumanian army was forced to agree to an armistice on the eastern front. It has been reported that Bolsheviks and German propagandists were at work among the Rumanian troops. A few days ago General Stcherbacheff, the Russian commander in Rumania, was reported to have taken command of the Ukrainian forces.

WATCH AND WARD

Representatives of the Watch and Ward society of Boston have been working in this city for the past three weeks and as a result of their efforts, and valuable assistance rendered by the local police, have made a number of raids. The principal places visited were those where it was understood gaming was going on. In several of the houses visited no evidence was found, but there were other places where gaming implements to the value of \$4000 were seized and brought to the police station. The members of the Boston society who came to this city were headed by Detective Cockinos of Cambridge.

The most important raid made was that of a house at 245 Market street late Monday. The raiding party consisted of Inspector Walsh of the local police and Eben W. Sears of the Lynn police, who constituted the first squad, and Lieut. Martin Maher of the local police and Detective Cockinos, who made up the second squad.

Each party was assisted by several police officers. Twenty-two places were visited. At 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon a warrant was issued to raid the premises at 245 Market street and under the supervision of Supt. Welch the two squads visited the place where material valued at \$2100 was discovered. Among the gaming implements were four Dewey machines, six penny bells, 19 baseball machines, 66 penny slot machines, three pin-ball machines, 170 punch boards, together with several books and papers which may later be used as evidence.

MISS MARY MANING, NOTED FOR HER REMARKABLE MEMORY, DIED AT SALEM

SALEM, Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Maning, whose remarkable memory of her 21 years of life in this city provided the basis for information contained in many antiquarian works died yesterday. She was a daughter of Robert Manning, a famous horticulturist, and a cousin of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB GERMAN CITY

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The city of Mannheim in Germany, on the Rhine, was bombed by a British air squadron early on Monday, says an official statement covering the operations of army aviators during Sunday and in Monday's early hours. A ton of bombs was dropped and several fires were started. All but one of the British machines returned.

The text of the statement reads: "The enemy's machines were very active on Sunday and five of them were brought down in air fighting. Three of them falling on our lines. Two other hostile machines were brought down in our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire. One of these latter was a large twin-engine machine with three occupants, who were made prisoners. "Our night-flying machines bombed several of the enemy's airfields with good effect."

"At daylight on Monday one of our squadrons bombed Mannheim on the Rhine with excellent results. A ton of bombs was dropped and bursts were observed in the large main square of the city and in the town where fires were started."

"Very heavy anti-aircraft was directed against our airplanes when they were over their objective and one of our machines was damaged and forced to land. Several of the enemy's searchlights were directed upon our formations but were driven off. All of our machines returned except the one aforementioned."

Mannheim is a manufacturing and railroad center in the northern part of Rhenish Bavaria, the region of Germany directly north of Alsace. The city is about 100 miles distant from the nearest point of the French battlefront and three times as far from the British lines. Its population when the war began was nearly 200,000.

POWER OF BOLSHIEVSKI Continued

permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the Red Guard, but the former are not numerous enough to conquer the Ukrainians and the Red Guard is largely untrained.

The Bolshevik leaders, the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post says, appear to be becoming conscious of hopeless failure. The correspondent of the Daily News writes:

"There is a tremendous and growing opposition to the Bolsheviks among all classes. Men who formerly supported them are turning against them and 'German shillings' is a common term of denunciation."

Interest in the convening of the constituent assembly is said to have reawakened remarkably and for its convocation are being made it is reported, by even the most ignorant classes.

A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that the Praetorians regiment refused to relinquish their guard of the Gaurde palace until the assembly meets. The Semovsky guard regiment has resolved not to arrest members of the constituent assembly, no matter what orders it receives.

It is reported, however, that the Bolsheviks intend to control admission to the assembly by issuing tick-ets.

Various explanations are offered in Petrograd despatches of the purpose of German concentrations of troops in the northwest. The suggestion is that part of these forces will be retained in the southwest to assure possession of the valuable Russian harvest.

Families Starving

A Reuter despatch from Petrograd reports the arrest and imprisonment in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of M. Vyshnegradsky and M. Putiloff, managing directors of the International Commercial bank in consequence of the mention of their names in an intercepted letter wherein Gen. Alex. Krasnov, the former commander-in-chief of the White army, had expressed his intention of obtaining 300,000 rubles to assist starving families of imprisoned officers.

Referring to the arrest of Col. Kol-pashnikov, attached to the American Red Cross mission in Rumania, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says it has been suggested that the letter alleged to have been sent to Krasnov by Col. Anderson, head of the mission, stating that the American ambassador, David R. Francis, was ready to advance 100,000 rubles to the account of the Red Cross, was a forgery, such things are not uncommon now, he adds.

Finland Appeals to Germany

The same correspondent telegraphs that the British ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, published on Sunday a statement refuting the charge of interference in the internal affairs of Russia and adding that as the world now three independent republics in Russia, it is difficult to avoid the appearance of having relations with more than one.

It is reported from Brest-Litovsk by way of Petrograd, that Finland has appealed to Germany to recognize its independence because the Finns applied directly to the Germans instead of through the Bolshevik commissaries. A Stockholm despatch to the Post records the arrival there of a Finnish delegation to ask Sweden's recognition of the independence of the Finns.

MASS IN COMMEMORATION OF DELIVERANCE OF JERUSALEM FROM THE TURKS

VENICE, Dec. 25.—A memorial mass was celebrated in San Marco church today in commemoration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turk. The coronation took on unusual significance inasmuch as the Austrians had declared the city would be in the Piazza of San Marco by the holidays.

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U. S. SOLDIERS KILL BANDITS ON BORDER

MARFA, Tex., Dec. 26.—American troops today were guarding all outlets to Van Horno canyon, where 100 Mexican bandits on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the postoffice and general store on the border ranch, 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welch, a veteran stage driver, and his Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Neill, foreman of the ranch, and carried away booty estimated to be worth \$7000.

Before the bandits disappeared before the Rito Rock, which rises abruptly more than 1000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers, who were in close pursuit, are reported to have killed and wounded many of the Mexicans. Col. George T. Langhorne, in command of the American forces in the Rio Grande, expected the pursuit to be resumed at daybreak.

When the bandits attacked the ranch, Neill, his wife and a number of ranch hands, including themselves, were house until United States cavalrymen under command of Capt. Leslie A. Sprinkle, came in automobiles. On their approach the raiders rode off over the Rito and toward the southwest. When the soldiers had gone as far as possible in automobiles they continued the pursuit on foot.

U. S. EMBASSY IN RUSSIA THREATENED

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—A mass meeting of anarchists was held on Sunday afternoon, at which inflammatory speeches against the United States were delivered, the speakers basing their attacks on the arrest of Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and Louis Kramer. Some of the speakers urged violence against the American embassy, but only a mild resolution of protest was the outcome of the affair.

A congress of anarchists has been called to meet in Petrograd on Christmas Day of the Russian calendar.

TO DISCOURAGE PRACTICE OF "ADOPTING" INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. Dec. 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war. The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service and result in delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover the censorship regulations forbid the men to correspond with strangers.

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GEN. PERSHING SENDS GREETINGS OF TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Renewed pledges of devotion to the cause of democracy from all ranks of the American expeditionary forces in France were given in a Christmas message from Gen. Pershing to the chief of staff of the army. The cablegram, made public last night by the war department, said:

"Please extend to the president and the secretary of war holiday greetings and best wishes for success of our arms during the coming year and convey to them from all ranks of the American expeditionary forces in France renewed pledges of the devotion to our sacred cause."

"Likewise express our greetings to our comrades at home, coupled with confidence in their patriotism, courage and devotion to the flag."

Gen. Bliss, chief of staff, sent this message in reply.

"The president and secretary of war send to you and to the American army in France the most cordial greetings and good wishes for their Christmas season from the people of the United States."

"Your comrades in arms in every camp and cantonment send you greetings from every home today goes prayer for the welfare and success of our troops in France and personally for that of every man of them."

"The nation rejoices in you and them in their full confidence that in God's good time and with God's blessing, its troops in France, side by side with their gallant allies, will bring victory and abiding peace to all the world."

SOLDIER "CLEANS OUT" 25 SINGLE-HANDED

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Gustaf Lindberg of Co. I, 342d regiment, who is 6 feet 6 inches in height, as wide as the back of a hack and quite thick, had the time of his young life yesterday. In view of what happened, Kaiser Bill would better make a note of this young giant's name and climb a tree when Gustaf gets to the front. At least this is the unbiased opinion of a gang of saloon loafers, who were on the short end of an argument with him.

It appears that the blue-eyed Gustaf came up from Rockford on yuletide leave of absence and in the course of his holiday meanderings walked into the saloon of Gust Bjork, a personal friend. Gustaf was holding a tub of suds when some fresh bum among the 25 loafers in the saloon asked: "Who is the big stiff in the yellow rag?"

Shortly thereafter the police responded to a riot call from Bjork's saloon. They brought Gustaf to the station and gathered around him the more or less battered members of the gang of bums and sent most of the 25 to the hospital.

"I did not make out clearly who asked the question about my uniform," said Gustaf, "but the more or less battered bunch, as all of them were wearing and laughing."

The police say he did a most scientific job of cleaning and are sending Gustaf until the hospital authorities report how much can be salvaged from the human wreckage.

CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The seventh annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will begin a three days session here tomorrow. The chief topic for discussion is to be "What aid can members of the negro race render to their country in war time?"

Other subjects to be discussed include the welfare and promotion of negro members of the army and navy, the extension of colored young men's Christian association branches in the war zone and in training camps and the enlistment of negroes in the Red Cross.

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10,000 IRON WORKERS THREATEN TO STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Unless approximately 10,000 iron workers employed in shops here and in Oakland received immediately a 10 per cent increase in wages they will strike, according to a statement by R. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades council made public today.

The employers have issued a statement that unless the men return to work at their present wages the shops will close.

Many plants here have been engaged in government work.

RETAIL STORES HEADS TO DISCUSS METHODS OF ECONOMY IN DELIVERING GOODS

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Methods of economy in sending goods to customers from retail stores will be considered at a conference of representatives of all the large stores in the city to be held at the chamber of commerce tomorrow. A committee of the retail trade board which has been investigating the subject will make specific recommendations with regard to suggestions for one delivery a day and for a consolidated delivery system.

QUALITY AND PRICE OF NEW FISH FOODS MUST CONFORM TO STANDARDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Quality and price of new fish foods put on the market through the assistance of the department of commerce must conform to standards set up by the government or the producers will not reap the benefit of official recommendation of such foods.

Secretary Redfield said today that an official list recommended by the Bureau of Fisheries was being provided for all new fish products which meet the government requirements.

ON CASUALTY LIST

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—The Canadian casualty list last night announced that G. Goodie, Rumbold Falls, Me., had been accidentally killed.

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WITHDRAW TRAINS TO CONSERVE FUEL

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—To release motive power, conserve fuel and reduce railroad congestion, the Philadelphia & Reading railroad today withdrew from its New York-Philadelphia service eight passenger trains. Several local trains also were annulled and it was announced that a further curtailment in local service would become effective on Jan. 6.

A reduction in the number of parlor cars equal to eight trains has been put into effect by the Pennsylvania railroad.

The restricted passenger service, it is estimated by traffic experts will enable the two railroads to increase their movement of freight by about 40,000 tons daily.

ADVICE TO WOMEN WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM "KNITTING NERVES"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Now it's "knitting nerves" caused by concentration of mind and hand on the needles. Thousands of women in New York are afflicted, according to Dr. Louis M. Welz-Miller, physical director of the West Side Young Men's Christian association, who offers the following advice:

"Don't hunch over your knitting; sit upright and when your mind tells you you have knitted enough, quit."

Dr. C. P. Christensen, president of the Psychological Research society, concurred in the predictions of Dr. Welz-Miller.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—On account of the large number of boxers entered for the annual New York state amateur boxing championships, which start tonight, the contestants will be numbered in the same manner as football and track athletes. There are 90 entries including nearly two dozen soldiers. Men in United States army and navy uniforms will be admitted free.

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KAISER RUSHES TROOPS FROM EASTERN FRONT

While their guns bombard the western front the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere despite the provision of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and more violent on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

Hindenburg Awaits Reinforcements

German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attack. Russian advances tell of the German withdrawal in the east and that some of the troops are being taken to the Rumanian front. Rumania is not taking part in the peace negotiations and the Ukraine, which lies beyond Moldavia and Bessarabia, is opposed to the Bolsheviks.

French Raid in Champagne Sector

South of Juvenocourt, in the Rheims sector of Champagne, the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. On the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery duel but no large operations are yet indicated.

Italians Regained Ground

On the northern Italian front the Austro-German tactics appear to be to strike alternately at vital points on either side of the Brenna. Checked at Monte Asolone last week, the enemy has struck toward the Frenzels valley, west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting the Italians have regained possession of lost positions on the Col del Rosso, west of the river and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Pertica east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9000 prisoners in the gaining of the Col del Rosso, which later was lost to the Italians.

Trotsky Protests to Germans

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has protested to the Germans against the transportation of troops from the eastern front but also has ordered Russian factories to stop the manufacture of munitions. He did not indicate whether his government

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would take any other step against German violation of the armistice.

Peace Envoy Go to Stockholm

Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their answer to the Bolshevik terms and it is reported that the conference soon will be transferred to Stockholm. In the meantime the majority party in the constituent assembly, the social revolutionists, has evoked the assembly to meet January 2 despite Bolshevik disapproval.

U. S. Sentry's Throat Cut

German savagery has been called officially to the attention of the American troops in France. An American sentry has been found with his throat cut and an official bulletin says: "He must have been so killed after capture," by a force of Germans which surprised him. Information of enemy terrorism in driving women and children from their homes in the occupied sections of France and Belgium to make room for German troops and war material also has been given the American troops.

Italian Counter Attacks

Positions on and around Col del Rosso on the Italian northern front, are still in dispute, according to today's official statement from Berlin, which reports another violent counter-attack there by the Italians. This is declared to have broken down with heavy losses.

The latest report on the status of the Russo-German peace negotiations is that a day's postponement of the resumption of the parity at Brest-Litovsk the Germans have asked for a postponement until Jan. 24. This report comes in a news agency despatch from Petrograd.

Scenes on Italian Front

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—A general commanding an army corps on the Piave front took the correspondent along the line occupied by his corps today and pointed out the Austro-German nest on the west bank of the river which is the only foothold he has succeeded in maintaining.

As the party moved forward it was noted that the defenses had been highly organized so that any sudden rush of the enemy would meet tremendous resistance.

Entering the first line trenches the general led the way. The ground in front was covered with low bushes and scrubby vines, running down to the water's edge. Behind this ran a high earthen embankment originally erected as a dike but now was completely empty as a refuge against petty shelling. The general stated that the enemy force in the Zenson curve was about three battalions, or 8000 men, with an exceptionally large supply of machine guns. Their communications were principally operated in the night hours. The enemy's foothold on the west bank of the Piave here was not regarded by the general as a serious menace to the Italians as it was not a base which could be augmented by an increase of the force. It could be cleared out at any time, he said, but the effort was not worth the sacrifice it would require in the face of the machine guns and the completely controlled and hemmed in and it was better, he thought, to let the enemy sacrifice his men in holding a position useless to him.

Quiet On British Front
LONDON, Dec. 26.—"There was nothing special to report" on the British front in France yesterday, says the official statement issued today by the war office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMONED TO "BLOW LIGHT OUT IN LUDLAM STREET"

An alarm from box 618 at 5.30 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in one of the street gas lamps in Ludlam street, near the corner of Bridge street. The top of the lamp was off and the flames from the burner were shooting upwards. Some person in the vicinity became alarmed and pulled in the box, giving the department an unnecessary run.

IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO LOCATE THE CHIMNEY WHEN INSTALLING STOVE

The members of Hose Co. No. 1 were called to 252 Aiken street at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to extinguish what appeared to be a lively blaze, but an investigation showed that there was no fire but that there was plenty of smoke caused by the carelessness of some person. Several days ago Mr. Bergeron, who occupies one of the tenements in the building purchased a stove and a man was sent to the house to place it in position. A hole was bored through the wall to receive the stove pipe and it was thought that the pipe was entering a chimney. Yesterday afternoon smoke was found issuing through the partitions in several rooms in the building through the roof and even into the cellar. The department was notified and upon arriving at the house failed to locate any blaze, excepting that in the stove. After ripping off considerable of the plastering it was found that the stove pipe had been inserted in the wall, within about three or four feet of the chimney. The only damage was done by the firemen when they ripped off the lath and plastering.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Wilmer A. Dragon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Dragon of Sarah avenue, who is "somewhere" in France as a field clerk for Uncle Sam's army under Gen. Pershing, has sent his Christmas and New Year's greetings to Mayor and Mrs. O'Donnell in the following letter:

Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, General Staff, Intelligence Section A.
Hon. James E. O'Donnell,
Mayor of the City of Lowell.

Dear Mr. Mayor:
Kindly accept these few lines from a Lowell young man, now in the U. S. Army Field Clerk service, but whose message shall have reached its destination, recognized as "The workshop of the world."

I am now enjoying valuable experiences in France, near the scenes of the war for safe democracy, and some day hoping to return to the scenes of my childhood fully content that Lowell did her bit in every branch of the service.

At the time of writing you are undoubtedly in the midst of your campaign for re-election as mayor and it is my sincere wish that when this message shall have reached its destination that the campaign will be a matter of the past, and entirely successful. I take the liberty of extending the well wishes of two other Lowell boys who are at the headquarters—X. A. Delisle and a young man named Carney.

In closing, I wish to extend to both Mayor and Mrs. O'Donnell my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As a favor, even though you have already proven your interest in me, I ask that you kindly acknowledge this brief message with a letter which I will proudly preserve as a remembrance from the chief executive of my native city. I remain, Yours very truly,
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PALMER STREET

BASEMENT

CITY COUNCIL

Continued

Sarantos Sakalakes filed a claim for personal injuries sustained Dec. 14, 1917, when he fell on an icy sidewalk in Merrimack street. Commissioner Brown said there was no defect in the sidewalk and it is time that a stop be put to such claims. The matter was referred to the city solicitor, Mr. Zellins, who filed a claim for personal injuries received when he fell on a defective sidewalk in Middlesex street. His claim was referred to the city solicitor.

Julien E. Cole filed a notice with the council to the effect that he had brought suit against the city in the sum of \$3,000 in an action of tort. The communication was referred to the city solicitor. An order for the extension of Garden avenue to Mt. Hope street was adopted. An order for the acceptance of Seventh avenue from Mt. Hope street to Dunfey street was also accepted.

Settlement of Claims
It was voted to pay J. B. Crowley, a former lieutenant in the police department, the sum of \$500 in settlement of a claim he had against the city. Mary Clark was awarded \$200 in settlement of a claim for personal injuries while James A. Scott was awarded \$50 for personal injuries received by his daughter.

It was voted to install lights as follows: One at the corner of Wilder street and Columbus avenue, three in Perry lane, two in Postoffice square and one in Huntress avenue. It was also voted to install gas lights as follows: Three in Main street, four in Alma street, one at 171 Eleventh street, one at 36 Chapel street, one at 13 Richmond avenue, one at 31 Ludlow road and one in Belmont avenue, opposite Hovey street.

An order was introduced for the transfer of \$418.75 from the commissioner's fund to that of the registrar for the salary of the registrar for the past month, but there was no decision. The commissioners Brown and Donnelly voted in the affirmative, while Commissioners Warnock and Morse voted in the negative.

Joseph Hennessey appeared in behalf of Bridget Brennan and filed a claim for \$85 for personal injuries received by the woman in January, 1915.

John J. Hennessey appeared in behalf of Bridget Brennan and filed a claim for \$85 for personal injuries received by the woman in January, 1915. Hennessey explained that Mrs. Brennan fell on the sidewalk and fractured her hip and since that time she has been using a crutch. It was voted to pay her the sum of \$100. The board of trade called attention to an ordinance recently filed with the council in relation to the erection of buildings in this city, and the communication was referred to Messrs. Warnock and Brown. An order for the payment of \$100 to Esther Connors for personal injuries was adopted.

The council decided to purchase a patrolman. The councilman Kane the sum of \$13.20 for personal injuries received while in the performance of his duties. John J. Harvey, representing the union, stated that on April 28, 1917, Patrolman Kane fell down a flight of stairs in Wiggsville after having been called to settle an altercation that was going on and that since that time he has been unable to perform his duties.

Commissioner Warnock was authorized to enter into a contract with J. J. Mulhane & Co. for the connection of the water supply to the Bartlett school, the bid being \$555.

Hospital Superintendent
The following ordinance presented by Commissioner Warnock was passed to be ordained: That there shall be a superintendent of the contagious hospital, who shall be appointed by the council, and that the salary of such officer shall be determined at the time of his election and shall be paid by the council to the department of public safety.

Com. Warnock informed the members of the council that last March he was instructed and authorized by the municipal council to purchase and install at the Chelmsford Street hospital a disinfecting machine, now to cost \$110. It was stated that he called for bids and received three, two for \$115 each and one for \$110. On Nov. 8 he sent his clerk to the mayor's office to let the machine be purchased by the latter was informed that the machine had been purchased by the mayor.

Voting Machines
Commissioner Donnelly brought up the question of purchasing voting machines from the American Voting Machine company, the matter having been referred to him at a recent meeting of the council. He said after seeing two demonstrations of the machine he thought it advisable to purchase eight machines for the largest ward of the city, ward 3, each machine to cost \$700. A representative of the company, who was present stated that according to a state law governing the sales of machines, the company will give a public demonstration of the machine at least one week prior to the first election and will have men at the polls on the first election day to help the precinct officers. He also stated that the company will give a written guarantee to keep the machines in good working order for five years. Upon motion of Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Donnelly was instructed to bring in a contract for the purchase of eight machines at the next meeting.

Coal Conservation
The following vote presented by Commissioner Morse was approved: Whereas, the amount of anthracite and bituminous coal now in New England, and particularly at the large distributing points is far short of the normal stock carried by distributors and industries, and the need of fuel conservation is pressing;

It is voted, that the commissioner of streets and highways be and hereby is instructed to confer with the Lowell Electric Light corporation for the purpose of reducing the number of arc lights now in use, both in the system of ornamental street lighting and otherwise for such time until the supply of coal again reaches normal. The commissioner is empowered to determine the number of lights and the locations where they are to be curtailed during such period, and he is further instructed to consult with the Lowell Electric Light corporation regarding the modification of existing contracts for the period of coal shortage before mentioned. It is the sole purpose and intention of this motion to assist in conserving fuel during the present emergency.

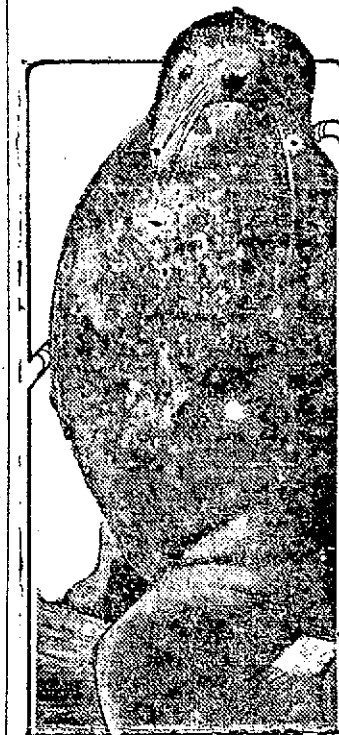
In introducing his motion Mr. Morse said he believed such action would mean a lot in the saving of fuel and money. At this point the motion was carried until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

HIGHEST HONOR IN SCOUTDOM.
EAGLE SCOUT, CONFERRED ON DONALD FARRINGTON

Donald Farrington, son of H. E. Farrington, formerly of the Bay State Street railway, has been made an eagle scout, the highest individual honor obtainable in scoutdom, according to an announcement made this morning by Scout Executive Alex E. Williams. Scout Farrington passed his final examinations for the honor last week. In order to become an eagle scout, a person must pass a long list of examinations and many of the tests are quite severe. However, Scout Farrington succeeded in passing them all. He is a member of Troop No. 1, the first young man of Lowell proper to receive the honor. Farrington has been a Boy Scout since Jan. 21, 1915. He is a member of Troop No. 1, the first young man of Lowell proper to receive the honor. Farrington has been a Boy Scout since Jan. 21, 1915. He is a member of Troop No. 1, the first young man of Lowell proper to receive the honor. Farrington has been a Boy Scout since Jan. 21, 1915. He is a member of Troop No. 1, the first young man of Lowell proper to receive the honor.

HE HAS TO LOSE NOT MANY SOLDIERS IN LOWELL YESTERDAY

Holostak, the bachelor fur seal, is on his last migration. Next year when he and his 400,000 fellows return to the Pribilof islands in the Bering Sea, thousands will be killed by Uncle Sam to adorn pretty ladies.



There were fewer soldiers in Lowell yesterday, Christmas day, than on Thanksgiving day. Only 15 per cent of the Lowell men at Camp Devens were allowed to come to Lowell. However, there were many Lowell men here who have enlisted in various branches of the national service and who are stationed in various parts of the country. One noticed a few of the Plattsburg officers on the streets and there was also a large number of soldiers in town, most of whom had come from Boston. But what ships they were on it was next to impossible to find out.

BANK CASHIER SHOT AND KILLED BY PRESIDENT

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 26.—The inquest into the killing of Berne M. Mead, cashier of the State Trust and Savings bank, by A. Strause, president, at the bank Sunday, was begun today. According to Strause, he shot Mead in self defense during a quarrel which is believed resulted from differences over control of the bank's affairs.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF HOLY CROSS DEAD

WORCESTER, Dec. 26.—Rev. Michael A. O'Kane, S.J., former president of Holy Cross college, and since 1914 rector of the Church of the Jesu in Philadelphia, died today in St. Vincent hospital after an illness of about six weeks. He came to Holy Cross college during its first year in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus.

Father O'Kane was born in Ireland on July 12, 1843. He entered Holy Cross college in 1865. He left the college in 1867 to enter the Society of Jesus. He was president of Holy Cross college from 1889 to 1892 and had also served as a member of the faculty of Georgetown university.

INVESTIGATE RAILROAD SITUATION SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Investigation of the railroad situation under Cummins resolution will begin before the senate interstate commerce committee Saturday with Chairman Hall and Commissioners McChord, Clark and Atchison of the interstate commerce commission as witnesses.

INSPECTION OF CONVENT REFUSED BY COURT

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26.—The superior court today dismissed contempt proceedings brought against the mother superior of St. Vincent's convent who refused to permit an inspection of the establishment by the grand jury which demanded one under the terms of a law prescribing inspection of certain public institutions.

The court held that the law provided only for inspection of institutions where inmates are kept in confinement. The Veray law, under which the grand jury was acting, was recently enacted.

DEATHS

HOBBS—Died in Pelham, N. H., Dec. 26, 1917, at his residence, Amos Ransom Hobbs, aged 75 years, 8 months. He is survived by one son, Willis Hobbs of Haverhill, Mass.; one daughter, Mrs. William W. Dutton of Pelham, N. H.; and one sister, Mrs. Albert S. Gage of Chicago, Ill. Funeral notice later.

INTERIUS PROVED FATAL
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Adeline Bergquist, who was injured in the street car accident at the South Hills tunnel late Monday, died in a hospital today, bringing the total dead to 20.

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NORTH STATION
BOSTON

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After-Xmas Sale

We have an accumulation of odd garments left from our Christmas selling. We will make GIVE-AWAY PRICES to sell them in the next three days.

Coats, Suits, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Skirts, Furs and Fur Coats
All Departments Contribute Their Quota of Bargains
DON'T BE WITHOUT A WARM COAT
In many cases the price asked is not the cost of furs that trim them.

237 COATS
In four lots. Every coat a bargain
\$10, \$13.75, \$16.75, \$19.75
Don't delay one minute if you want a coat. Best velours, fur collars and lining.

SUITS
Choice of the high priced suits, selling to \$37.50—200 in the lot..... **\$19.75**
CAN YOU USE A FINE
WAIST
CHEAP?
Lingerie and Voile, sold to \$2.50. Choice..... **\$1.17**
SILK WAISTS in stripes, plain colors, crepes and novelties, sold to \$4.00..... **\$1.89**
CREPES, CHIFFONS and LACE WAISTS; \$6.00 waists, at **\$3.49**
About 20 dozen waists in lot.

All Our Furs and Fur Coats
At Reductions Averaging 25% Off. Sale Closes Saturday Night

SKIRTS—87 Skirts in fine poplin, serge and novelties, selling to \$7.50. Choice..... **\$4.98 and \$5.98**

SWEATERS REDUCED Broken Sizes
BATH ROBES REDUCED and
KIMONOS REDUCED Odd Garments

CHILDREN'S \$5.00 and \$6.00 **\$3.98 and \$4.98**
COATS will be.....
FOR THESE FEW DAYS ONLY

SILK DRESSES—46 in number; some \$20.00, some \$23.50. Choice..... **\$15.00**
60 SERGE DRESSES, selling to \$23.50 at..... **\$12.00**

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PHASES OF THE WAR

"It is awful business. I wish it was all over." This statement is quite common with those who meet and it is natural that men and women should feel thus. But ask them, are they anxious for a peace that would place us under foreign domination and they will promptly answer, "No! No! A thousand times no!"

That is the spirit of the true American who does not want to fight unless he must.

But the time when he must fight or else relinquish his freedom has struck long ago and that is why we are at war. We are not going out to maim, to drown or slaughter non-combatants, but we are going to vindicate our rights on the high seas and to fight until justice is done not only to our own nation, but to the other nations of the earth now threatened with oppression by German autocrats.

"Ah! but would it not be time enough to fight when the Germans come over here to seize our country?"

This is another saying commonly heard, but one that betrays a lack of familiarity with the situation.

Had not the United States entered the war when she did, England's power would probably have been broken and then Germany after taking over the British navy would have come to the western hemisphere to take Canada, Mexico and any other state unable to repel her advance.

The United States would thus have lost instead of gained by waiting; because had we not joined the allies in fighting Germany, there is little doubt that Germany could have reduced England by the power of her submarines.

That would leave the United States to fight the world conquering Germans alone and no European nation would be under any obligation to join us. With the aid of other powers we can fight a Germany weakened by war far more easily than a Germany strengthened by victory and then bent on our destruction. Therefore, this murmuring over going into the war when it might have been avoided, is all nonsense. It could not have been avoided nor longer delayed without grave national peril or without lasting national disgrace. Hence President Wilson acted wisely when he came out for a declaration of war. Had he gone in earlier or waited longer, in either case he would have blundered. Therefore, we are justly in the war; we are in it to the end whether that be long or short and we have no doubt as to the final triumph of American arms or the vindication of American rights.

But we cannot form any estimate of the cost or of the length of time it will require to bring about an acceptable peace.

In his message to congress on December 4 President Wilson said:

"First, that this intolerable thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face, this menace of combined intrigue and force which we now see so clearly as the German power, a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace, must be crushed."

That is the rallying cry of civilization. It is an inspired warning to unite, to suffer to die, that the demons of Prussian barbarism that have made this earth a hell may be stamped out. The heroes in their fresh made graves have not died in vain. The ashes of churches, school houses and hospitals cry not for justice in vain. The hosts so ruthlessly sunk on the high seas have not gone down to be forgotten.

No, these things and others even more horrible, more revolting, have stealed the hearts of the nations fighting with America until they, like ourselves, are determined to shrink not before the crime of barbarism has been taught its final and convincing lesson and until the high purpose of the Creator as voiced by President Wilson shall have been accomplished.

THE SOLDIERLY SPIRIT

A newspaper man in the army asked how he liked it, made this reply, which we believe reflects the feelings of every true soldier:

"These have been the best two months of my life, and of the lives of most of the young men here."

"It has been hard, trying work, and some people may call it dirty work at times, but we are all better men for it. Because we have learned to be thorough, to do the day's work without complaining, to take whatever comes manfully."

"Dirty work? There is no such thing. That we are learning, too. Work is clean or dirty according to a man's spirit. A job is dirty only as a man makes it so. We are learning that one can peel potatoes, and wash pots and pans, and scrub floors, and dig ditches, and still take the same kind of pride in the job that a man takes in singing a song well or writing good prose."

"It's as a man thinks. Personally, I and others I know, have tried to keep in mind the thought that whatever the task, we are workers in a great national service. I am trying to feel always that I am a public servant. One used to think that his duty as a citizen was done when I voted. In the army I have learned to see whatever of good or bad I do for the benefit or the injury of the whole cause. I like to believe that this feeling of responsibility will stick with me after I go back to civil life."

"We are learning to do a job completely and conscientiously. We know that when our barracks floor has specks on it, after being scrubbed, a complete job has not been done, because our officers do not hesitate to inform us."

"Thus, doing a job right is becoming second nature with us. Being conscientious is becoming an automatic function."

"We are learning discipline and order. We must keep our kits and uten-

sils just so, or we hear from the officers. Order is, therefore, becoming a habit with us. We must wear our clothes neatly, according to regulations. Those of us who are inclined to be slovenly are acquiring neatness as second nature. Cleanliness is compulsory. Peace will return to us millions of men with whom sanitary living is a passion. Our habits of clean thinking and clean living will surely stay with most of us after the war."

That is the true soldierly spirit, and the spirit that will bring success in everything undertaken.

GIVE THE FARMER A CHANCE

In an address before the state convention of the Pennsylvania Grange at Williamsport, Pa., Gifford Pinchot expressed his belief that the time has come to give the farmer a larger voice in the councils of the nation. On the American farmer, he said, would rest the big task of winning the war.

"But today," said Pinchot, "the farmer has no voice and is not consulted. There is, so far as I know, not a single genuine farmer in any place of authority in Washington—in the vast organization of the Council of National Defense, the Food Administration or the numerous special bodies that are running the war."

There ought to be a farmer on the Hoover staff to voice the point of view of the farmer to Hoover, and to interpret the Hoover policies to the farmer.

It should be remembered, however, that when the powers of the food administration were defined by congress, the farmers were exempt from certain provisions of law for which merchants and others would be sent to jail.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE

It was a glorious Christmas and gloriously observed. Never before in the history of our city did the Christmas buying reach or even nearly approach the volume of last week. The weather was ideal, the people had the money to spend and they entered into the spirit of Christmas giving as never before. The merchants had laid in a mammoth stock in all lines but many departments were cleaned out before the hour of closing on Christmas eve. The large volume of trade indicates a high degree of prosperity in Lowell despite the war, the conservation and the scarcity of some commodities.

BANGING BAKER

Certain newspapers that had been abusing Secretary Baker before the war think they have now an opportunity to justify their criticism by showing up his alleged shortcomings. When the investigation closes, we predict that it will appear that the operations in the war department were delayed by the slowness of congress and that if Secretary Baker had not anticipated the declaration of war and placed orders in advance the army would have been lacking much of its equipment when the training camps opened.

THE RED CROSS

Now that the Christmas is over, the people of Lowell will have an opportunity to give the Red Cross movement a final boost. The Red Cross membership banners were displayed in great numbers in the windows of homes and business places on Christmas day, but there is still an opportunity to increase the number. The campaign has been successful thus far and all should now join in a great pull towards the full quota set for Lowell.

SEEN AND HEARD

Happy New Year!
Every man believes he's entitled to a lot of credit he doesn't get.

A reader of this column asks when St. Patrick's church was burned. The date was Jan. 11, 1904.

As a matter of fact Fletcher street car is not belonging in this column, for they're neither seen nor heard.

IT'S ALL ON

She—I tell you, Billy, I won't stand being treated this way. Now that we're engaged—

He—O, I forgot to tell you. That stuff's all off—Minnehaha.

ASTONISHED CREDITOR

"Well," said an old man the other day, "I have been 47 years in the business and can say what very few can after such an experience. In all that time, my friend, I never disappointed but one single creditor."

"Bless me, what an example for our young mercantile community!" replied

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES

A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time.

Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking Scott's Emulsion of Norwegian Cod Liver Oil as a strengthening food and bracing tonic to add richness to her blood and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start Scott's Emulsion today—its fame is world-wide. It is free from alcohol.

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FAMILY DOCTOR'S

GOOD ADVICE

To Go On Taking "Fruit-a-lives"

Because They Did Her Good

ROCKTON, JAN. 14th, 1915.

"I suffered for many years with terrible Indigestion and Constipation. I had frequent dizzy spells and became greatly run down. A neighbor advised me to try 'Fruit-a-lives'. I did so and to the surprise of my doctor, I began to improve, and he advised me to go on with 'Fruit-a-lives'."

I consider that I owe my life to 'Fruit-a-lives' and I want to say to those who suffer from Indigestion, Constipation or Headaches—'try Fruit-a-lives' and you will get well." CORINE GAUDREAU, 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdenburg, N.Y.

the person addressed, "what a pity that one time occurred. How was it?" "Why," responded the old gentleman, "I paid the debt when it became due, and I never in all my life saw a man so much astonished." —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

POOR PROBT

Harry Dickson tells of an old negro mammy who was kept from starvation by the white woman who gave her occasional odd jobs to do. Mrs. Dickson, the writer's mother, had found some housework for the old negro, but after working a day or two Mandy said she must quit.

"I don't had to go out collectin' for de missionary society," she explained. "But I have work for you to do," said Mrs. Dickson, and you need all the money you can get."

"I know," said the old mammy, "but I done had to collect for de missionary society."

"What do you get paid for collectin'?" asked Mrs. Dickson.

"I don't get paid," said Mandy. "I only gets what I collect." —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Why He Wobbled

Capt. George Marvell, head of the motor boat patrol, was arguing with a pacifist.

"You wobble," said Capt. Marvell. "You hop from this side to that. You are like the dinner guest."

"Come out to our place to dinner tonight," said the pacifist.

"I'll be glad to, mighty glad to," said the guest warmly.

"So, your oldest girl," said the banker, "is going to marry a pacifist?"

"Gosh, that reminds me. I've got an engagement for tonight. Sorry, old man, but I can't come."

"Dear you! You had! Our oldest girl, as was saying is studying music in Chicago, and we're infernally lonesome evenings."

"So, I'll cut out that engagement," said the banker, "and come anyhow." —Washington Star.

Some Customer

The aristocratic and plutocratic looking young woman walked into the downtown shoe store and demanded a fitting. (Demanded was the tone of voice.) Majestically she lowered herself into the regulation seat proffered her by the manager of the department and he assigned Classy Charles, the stiffest matinee idol in the shop, to the customer.

The woman began by asking to see everything that was shown in the window outside. Classy C. started out to fill the order. He did. But none of the shoes was good enough for madam's taste. He went back to the department and the customer stayed. C. began to perspire. The other clerks looked on and grinned. Not that they disliked Charles, but well, there was a feeling among the fellows about him. All this did not change the expression on Charles's face.

It remained, that same winning smile. But finally, after about half the stock had been laid out for inspection, the manager whispered to Charles, "Are you that rotten?" Which made Charles's mad as could be. He forgot himself. He violated the first rule of etiquette of the shoe clerk. (No, it is the second; the first is to hand out the usual line of shoes, etc.) He went and off he left shoe. Lo and behold, the stocking on the left foot was full of holes! If the right one was perfect, what a shame in the woman's other piece of hosiery! The clerk gasped. The woman screamed. The other boys laughed.

Then with a sigh of it-can't-be-helped, she remarked, "But we won't mind the holes." She bought a pair of tennis shoes, high tops, two minutes later.—Indianapolis News.

We All Are Like Sheep

How truthful it is that we all like sheep. And lots of us never do look 'fore we leap. We must follow the crowd—no matter how foolishly doing what other ones do. Silly fashions we copy, because 'tis the style! Conversation is dippy 'bout nothing worth while.

No matter how needless and harmful things are. We'll have them if we must go near or far.

"Everyone's wearing them!" Why so then must we? And then we see new freak of styles. Like sheep we do follow along with the crowd.

In manner and fashion and things that are loud.

We mortgage our home just to buy a nice car. To run along smoothly without the least jar.

Oh, there's countless numbers of things that we do. That when we are old I know we will

How nice it quite natural we'd all try to be. And not imitate others so much, don't you see.

\$200,000 FIRE AT

LONG BEACH

GOOD TONS OF COAL REACH BOSTON

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Fire today destroyed four frame buildings containing the board walk, which parallels the beach and extends for a mile and a half. The property loss was estimated at \$200,000.

Two of the structures were apartment houses and 22 families were made homeless. Reports of incendiaries were being investigated, the authorities said.

GOOD TONS OF COAL REACH BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Six thousand tons of coal arrived here by water yesterday. Two steamers and ten barges laden with the long awaited fuel were anchored in the harbor today, awaiting discharge, and for the time being the serious shortage in this section was allayed. Fuel administration officials, however, emphasized the continued need of economical use of coal, and curtailed schedules remained in effect on many street railway lines.

FOR THE HALIFAX SUFFERERS

The pupils of St. Peter's parochial school gave a musical entertainment in the school hall Monday evening for the benefit of the Halifax sufferers. There was a large audience present and the money raised for the sufferers was more than appreciated. Among the youthful entertainers was Miss Dorothy Eastham, a lady of ten years, who sang "O, Holy Night" in a manner that brought forth several cheers. Miss Eastham possesses a fine soprano voice and people well versed in music predict a brilliant future for the young lady.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The following program was given at Christmas exercises held at the First Pentecostal church last evening: Singing by the congregation, "Joy to the World"; prayer; "Gloria" were more than appreciated. Among the youthful entertainers was Miss Dorothy Eastham, a lady of ten years, who sang "O, Holy Night" in a manner that brought forth several cheers. Miss Eastham possesses a fine soprano voice and people well versed in music predict a brilliant future for the young lady.

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN MADE HAPPY BY BROADWAY SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB

Seven hundred children were made happy yesterday afternoon by the members of the Broadway Social and Athletic club when Santa Claus paid his annual visit to the club rooms in Broadway and distributed toys, sweets and clothing to the little ones. This is an annual event on the part of the club and the children look forward to it with great anticipation.

Shortly after one o'clock Santa Claus arrived at the rooms and for the next hour he, assisted by other members, were busily engaged in distributing the following: Santa Claus, who brought the toys, sweets and clothing to the children. Among those who assisted Frederick Lawton as Santa Claus were President Timothy E. O'Sullivan, John Stapleton, Stephen Sughrue, William Madden and James Clinton.

A program of musical numbers was given by Miss Goggin, Dominick Molloy, James Dowling, John Stapleton, Frederick Lawton, Martin Feeney and others. Representative Dennis A. Murphy, who was introduced as the "Santa Claus of wards 1, 2 and 9," spoke briefly. Mrs. Joseph McQueney of Hartford, Conn., who is president of the Santa Claus of the Sage Allen Co. of Hartford, Conn., and Kresge's 5 and 10 cent store very generously contributed materially to the success of the occasion.

Among those who contributed to the musical program given by the children were the following: Santa Claus, who brought the toys, sweets and clothing to the children. Among those who assisted Frederick Lawton as Santa Claus were President Timothy E. O'Sullivan, John Stapleton, Stephen Sughrue, William Madden and James Clinton.

PURSE OF GOLD FOR PASTOR AND WIFE AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Skinner of St. Paul's church were presented a purse of gold at the Christmas tree exercises, which were held last evening under the auspices of the Sunday school. The evening's program, which consisted of the singing of Christmas carols and the presentation of gifts to the Sunday school members was presided over by Peter Sullivan, while Frank Dunkerley acted the part of Santa Claus. The presentation of the purse to the pastor and his wife was made by William D. Brown. The program follows:

Greeting and prayer, pastor; violin and piano duet, by Annie and Lillian Wyman; recitation, "My Speech," Francis Boyle; recitation, "The Star," Vivian Adams; exercise, "Once Upon a Time," Violet Wolfe, Alice Wolfe, Geraldine Adams, Charlotte Snow; recitation, "Greeting," Winifred Gulesian; chorus, "Christmas Bells," primary department; song, "Silent Night," David L. Skinner; exercises, "Eight Little Lights," Gladys Soucy, Mary Livingston, Marion McQuade, Lola Atkinson, Geraldine Adams, Helen Drew, Julia Goodrich, Bernice Drew; recitation, "A Christmas Basket," Mildred Perry; remarks, by "Christmas Aid Society," recitation, "Somebody's Coming," Hendrick Perry.

SOME REMARKABLE OVERCOATS

AT A SPECIAL PRICE,

\$20.00

Trench Coats, Box Coats, Form-Fitting Coats—in blue, green, oxford and brown mixtures—Made from all wool warmth without weight fabrics—plaid backs with deep satin shoulder yokes—The smartest styles of the season; the best values we have advertised this year. So good—that an Overcoat like one of these will cost you \$10 more, a year from now.

Putnam & Son Co.

166 Central Street.



CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES

The Catholic churches of the city observed Christmas day this year with all the pomp and ceremony that has been in evidence in past years and the various congregations were imbued with the true Christmas spirit.

The altars in the different churches were elaborately adorned with flowers and candles and greenery and that effect combined with the solemnity of the ceremonies made the day a most happy one for the devout. Confessions had been heard Monday afternoon and evening and many of the faithful took the opportunity of receiving holy communion at the early masses yesterday morning.

Perhaps the most impressive ceremony of the day was the solemn high mass celebrated at the usual hour. Special music by augmented choirs added a touch of joyfulness to the occasion. The sermons were for the most part on the subject of the day. The special significance of Christmas day this year because of the war was brought out by many of the speakers.

At St. Anthony's church there were eight masses yesterday. Right Rev. Bishop da Silva celebrated the pontifical high mass and he was assisted by Rev. J. Oleihorries, pastor of St. Joseph's church, as arch priest; Rev. C. M. Fernandes as deacon, and Rev. J. S. Perry as sub-deacon. The edifice was beautifully decorated.

Under the direction of F. G. Bond and Miss Marie O'Donnell presided at the organ.

SALVATION ARMY FEEDS THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE POOR

The annual Christmas dinner for the worthy children of the city under the auspices of the Salvation Army was given yesterday afternoon in Elks' hall. More than a hundred children attended by over 400 kiddies, who at the close of the "feed" voted the affair the best ever.

The menu included roast turkey with all the fixings while at the close of the dinner each child present was given a bag of good things as well as gifts. The dinner was supervised by Adjutant General E. W. Clark. During the afternoon an excellent musical program was given by the Salvation Army orchestra.

FIFTY ARTISTS PAINT PICTURES OF BATTLEFIELDS IN FRANCE

LONDON, December.—Fifty artists have been engaged to paint pictures of battlefields, roads of France, ruined towns and various other war scenes for the Canadian war memorial fund. The paintings are to be exhibited in London for a short time before being sent to Canada, where a building will be erected in which they will remain as a permanent tribute to Canadian war heroes.

The artists engaged include Major Augustus John, D. Y. Cameron, George Clausen, William Orpen, Julius Olsson, Charles Shannon, Frank Brangwyn, Wyndham Lewis, E. W. Newman, J. W. Morrice, the dozen of Canadian painters, and Ettore Tito, the famous Italian painter.

The women chosen are Mrs. Swinerton, Laura Knight, Anna Airy and Claire Atwood. They will do training camp scenes, munition workers and Red Cross depots.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP SWELL FUND FOR CHILDREN IN FRANCE

There was no Christmas tree at the gathering of the Central Baptist Sunday school in Encampment hall in the Odd Fellows building last evening, for it had been decided that instead of giving presents to the children, the latter would do their "bit" to help swell the fund for the children in France, and as a result of the collection taken up \$50 was realized. In the course of the evening an excellent musical program was given.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A special meeting of Div. 8, A.O.U.W. was held Monday night to take up the funeral of James Bowen, one of its members. A committee was named to attend the funeral. Christmas greetings from Rev. Dr. Keleher were received by Recording Secretary John Barrett and read by President Michael J. Monahan. A communication from the county board inviting the division to attend a meeting on Sunday was also read.

The regular meeting of Loyd Integrity lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held Monday night in Encampment hall in the Odd Fellows building. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted. P. S. Thos. Chadwick reported for the committee on service flag that he had ordered a flag of suitable size. Warden McArden had the box for the tobacco fund for the soldier members of the order on hand and the contributions to the fund were liberal.

Integrity Staff association held its regular meeting Sunday morning, Dec. 23, at the residence of Thomas M. Smith, president. There was a large attendance of members, and large delegations of visiting brothers from Merrimack

U-BOAT KNEW WHEN U.S. ARMY OFFICERS SAILED

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 26.—That the crew of a German submarine made prisoner after their vessel had been destroyed knew when a large steamship carrying American army officers had left the United States and that the submarine lay in wait to sink her, was the statement of several enlisted men of the American navy who were passengers on a steamship arriving here yesterday.

There were 75 seamen from the United States flotilla in all upon the vessel. From the sailors it was learned that the United States navy has accounted for several of the kaiser's U-boats.

Most of them were amused at the final inspection given them when leaving England. That was to take from them the photographs of sinking submarines that they had snapped when their torpedo boats had made lucky strikes. English papers publish these infrequently, but none has reached America yet.

One U-boat, which had been rendered powerless by a depth bomb and came to the surface, where a waving undershirt from the conning tower showed she had surrendered, had a crew in possession of more information than the American seamen had. The Germans were taken prisoners, but the submarine sank, as the seacocks had been opened.

While the prisoners were being taken back to a British port one of them noticed a big steamship that the destroyer had been convoying. "We were saying for hours for she had 60 high ranking American officers among her passengers. We were informed she would not be convoyed, as these waters were supposed to be clear of U-boats," said the German.

It was later found by the American seamen that he spoke the truth.

PASTOR OF FRENCH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL DO Y.M.C.A. WORK IN FRANCE

Rev. E. C. Ramette, pastor of the French Baptist church in Ennall street, will sever his relations with the church Sunday evening and at midnight he will leave for France, whence he will embark for France, where for the duration of the war he will be employed in Y.M.C.A. work among the soldiers.

Rev. Mr. Ramette is a native of France and has been in charge of the French Baptist church of this city for the past seven years. He has a son in the American aviation corps and another in line for the draft. During his stay in France his family will remain in Lowell.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE HAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE IN MOOSE HALL

Moose hall in the Odd Fellows building was the scene of an enjoyable gathering Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the annual Christmas tree under the auspices of the branch of the Loyal Order of Moose. The tree was donated by George Tyrell and Richard J. Flynn made an excellent Santa Claus.

The following entertainment program was carried out during the afternoon: Anna Cavanaugh, Highland sing; Margy Flynn, gypsy dance; May Hild and Catherine Kelly and May, Helen and Edna, violin solos; Edna Kelly and Blanche Smith, Anna Donahue, piano solos and recitation by Mildred Donahue. Miss Mildred Murray was the accompanist of the afternoon. The decorations for the Christmas tree were donated by Mrs. Jeanette Coleman.

On behalf of degree team of Lowell lodge, 618, Richard J. Flynn provided the supper. The affair by presented a diamond pendant and gold chain to Miss Mildred Murray who had been furnishing music for the rehearsals of the degree team. Miss Murray, who was somewhat surprised, accepted it with a fitting response.

There were about 400 children present. Those in charge were Grace Flynn, chairman; Mrs. Antoinette Moran and Mrs. Sarah E. Curtin, assisted by Henry Moran and Joseph White.

BOYS FIND DYNAMITE HIDDEN IN QUINCY

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Twenty-six sticks of dynamite were found on the outskirts of West Quincy yesterday afternoon by several boys, each stick carefully wrapped in a newspaper, the boys secreted them in a bush.

Efforts by the Quincy police and fire officials to learn the identity of anyone who could throw any light on the explosive were futile.

Because of the

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

This morning's session of the police court was a comparatively short one, especially for a day following a holiday.

Patrick Devine came down from Woodstock, N. H., several days ago. He had \$32 in his pocket but had not been in the city very long before he was arrested for larceny. Succeeded, F. A. Cromlain, Kittery, found the man in the vicinity of the Middlesex street station and owing to the fact that Devine was under the influence of liquor, he was taken to the police station. The station and this morning, after being charged guilty, was ordered to pay a fine of \$10. George Savigean and Joseph Scharme, also charged with being drunk, were ordered to pay a fine of \$10. Thomas Egan, a parole man, will be returned to the state farm at Bridgewater.

The grand jury of Frank L. Dickerson, an alleged key worker charged with the larceny of an over-

boat valued at \$25 from George Monahan and a table and camera, the property of Yvonne Katsenfer, was called this morning, but when it was learned that one of the local draft divisions was very anxious to get in touch with the defendant, Dickerson was held under \$500 until tomorrow morning, and in the meantime the officials of the draft division will be communicated

Martin Rupa entered a plea of not guilty to a complaint charging him with neglecting to provide for the support of his family. Several days ago, Rupa appeared in court upon complaint of his wife, but she did not put in an appearance and when the court asked where she was, Rupa said

The case was continued until this morning in order to secure the presence of Mrs. Rupa, and when the matter was placed on the stand she said that the reason she made the complaint was because she was provoked at him. She said that he had paid her \$10 a week. The defendant was discharged.

DELAWARE & HUDSON DIVIDEND
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In a dividend declaration today the Delaware & Hudson railroad departed from its usual custom of providing four quarterly disbursements totalling 9 per

cent, to cover the ensuing calendar year, and instead declared only the first quarterly dividend of 3 1/4 per cent.

Uncertainty in the railroad situation was given by the directors as the reason for the change.

A statement issued by the directors said the accumulated surplus at the

present time, as well as the earnings for 1917 available for dividends "would fully warrant the declaration of a 3 per cent dividend."

**MAN ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION
OF ALIEN ENEMY ACT, RE-**

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 26.—Seigmund Bloch, arrested a month ago for violation of the alien enemy act, was released on parole today. Bloch had conducted a tailoring establishment here for ten years.

Of Its Victims.

er for a year or two, until it was large

The history of the open air school shows after public spirited citizens have own its efficiency school boards and departments of health are generally will-

shown" first. Seal money therefore being used for demonstration purposes. There are three types of fresh air classes. The first is for children with tuberculosis, who are segregated from other children. It is generally con-

acted with a hospital or sanatorium. The second is for anaemic children or those otherwise predisposed to the disease, who study in the open air, are obliged to rest certain periods and are given proper food at the school. The third type is the

Communities which do away with the
sanitary red schoolhouse and sub-
stitute an open air school are performing
patriotic service. They are helping to

ake strong, capable citizens of growing
children and to stamp out tuberculosis.

GIRL KILLED BY HER SISTER

Pulled Revolver From Pocket of Constable While Latter Was Drinking

Early Christmas Morning Tragedy in Kenwood Home—Constable Arrested

Mary Barcozyg, aged seven years, was accidentally shot and killed by her sister, Stella, aged 11 years, at their home in Kenwood, Dec. 25, early yesterday morning. While Officer Constable Cheney and the draft police were visiting the house Stella saw a revolver protruding from the former's pocket and pulling it out pointed it at her little sister and pulled the trigger. The child died several hours later at St. John's hospital.

At first the other occupants of the house believed that the officer had fired the shot and attacked him, taking his handcuffs, club and other articles from him and were giving him a beating when neighbors interfered, thereby probably preventing his being seriously injured. Officer Cheney, a constable of the Lowell police department was summoned and made an investigation after which Medical Examiner T. B. Smith viewed the body of the dead child and heard the circumstances leading up to the shooting.

According to the story which Cheney told the local police, he was going his rounds about one o'clock yesterday morning when his attention was attracted to the house occupied by the Barcozyg family. There was considerable noise emanating from the house and he entered and found five men and two women having a Christmas celebration. Liquor was being served and they insisted that the officer take a drink. He took a drink and then decided that he would enter a side room, used as a kitchen, so that some of the people would not see him drinking. It is said that the two children, Mary and Stella, followed him and while he was drinking from a bottle he claims Stella pulled the revolver out of his pocket and before he could take it away from her she pulled the trigger and the bullet entering Mary's temple, inflicted a wound from which she died a few hours later.

The only persons in the room at the time were the two children and the constable. When the explosion occurred the other people in the house, including the child's parents, came rushing into the kitchen and immediately concluded that Cheney was responsible and started to assault him. Knowing the necessity of medical assistance to the injured child, the officer tried to leave the house, but they stopped him and were beating him up when neighbors appeared and interfered. Finally one of the women folk was persuaded to call a physician and later the ambulance was summoned and the child removed to St. John's hospital, where she died about 6 o'clock.

As soon as Capt. Atkinson learned of the shooting he made a hurried trip to Kenwood and after talking with Constable Cheney and the occupants of the house, brought Cheney back to the city where the latter was put through a rigid examination. The officer was very reticent in his answers and did not take kindly to the examination. The man's condition was such that he was finally booked for drunkenness, but later received bail.

Constable Lester P. Cheney was arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with drunkenness and at the request of Judge Enright the hearing of the case was continued until Saturday, January 5th.

An autopsy was held on the body of the dead child this morning by Medical Examiner T. B. Smith and he signed the death return "death due to gunshot wound in the head."

GREECE URGES CITIZENS TO JOIN U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend punishments which ordinarily would follow enlistments of Greeks in the U. S. army, but she will reward them for supporting the American arms. This is the substance of a note from the Greek government delivered here today to the state department.

ORDERS CUT IN CLASS AND COMMODITY RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered reductions from 2 to 4 per cent in class and commodity rates from certain territory to Michigan points, including Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Marshall, Lansing, Cadillac and Potosi.

OVER THE TOP

the figures will land the scouts high and dry over the 1000 mark. The war work headquarters in Merrimack street was a busy place today and a large number of 11th regiment enlistments were received. The campaign workers were on the jump, also, clearing up the final details of the campaign and getting ready their reports for this evening's meeting.

More than 15,000 members have already been enrolled in Lowell and with the final avalanche of new members which will come in tonight, the city should easily attain her desired number. The final meeting of the campaign will be held this evening at 8.30 in Memorial hall and every effort will be made to wind the drive up in a blaze of glory. A dinner will be served, there will be music by a double quartet under the direction of Arthur C. Spaulding who will sing well known songs which can be taken up easily by the workers, and then as a climax the reports will be made and it will be learned whether or no Lowell has gone over the top and secured her 20,000 new 1918 members of the American Red Cross society. Every campaign worker is earnestly urged and even commanded by campaign manager Robert P. Marden to be on hand and make the final gathering a rouser.

The suburban towns will be heard from this evening and the reports of their work and half of active soliciting will come in a lump. Then the big industries will be heard from in great numbers this evening as well as the mass of smaller "factories" which has not yet been officially reported. There wasn't a great deal of Christmas day activity in the campaign yesterday—at least, not much of the so-

TO DRAFT 1000 BRICKLAYERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1000 bricklayers, urgently needed by Gen. Pershing. Local boards are called upon to examine questionnaires now being returned and report as rapidly as possible on the number of bricklayers of draft age available for service. They will be forwarded to the aviation section, signal corps, at San Antonio, Tex. The purpose for which they are to be used in France is not disclosed.

FORMER SUPREME CHANCELLOR OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DIED TODAY

HENDERSON, Ky., Dec. 26.—W. W. Blackwell, a decade ago supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and since recognized as an authority on affairs of the order, died at his home here today. Mr. Blackwell was 65 years old.

SUPREME COURT REFUSES NEW TRIAL FOR SMALL

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 26.—The state supreme court today overruled the exceptions of counsel for Frederick I. Small, sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 15, 1918, for wife murder and refused the plea for a new trial.

The only way in which Small's execution can now be delayed, so far as had been indicated this morning, is through an appeal to the governor and council for reprieve or pardon.

In the opinion of the supreme court, written by Judge William A. Plummer of Laconia, all the justices concurred. "No important or difficult questions of law are presented by the exceptions," the opinion begins. "Study of the record and the evidence before the jury leaves no room for question as to the legality of the action of the trial court in invoking the judgment of the jury."

The introduction of the head of Mrs. Small was competent evidence of the cause of the murdered woman's death, the court ruled, and there is no evidence that the head was shown in court for an improper purpose. Objections to other evidence against Small and to the language describing the prisoner used by Attorney General James A. Tuttle are overruled, even though to repeat from the opinion of the court would be more dignified and in better taste.

"The exceptions in this case are such as in ordinary cases would demand scant consideration; but because of the importance of the case they have been most attentively considered. If in any case a crime so atrocious as view, satisfied that justice in the main

AUTOIST HELD

Continued

criminal negligence of Henry, who was operating the automobile, which struck and fatally injured Mr. Davis.

The finding describes in detail the circumstances leading up to and including the accident, which occurred a short distance from the Davis home in Chelmsford on the evening of October 20 last. The car was operating at a rate of speed of about 35 or 40 miles an hour, and that no attempt was made to lessen its speed as it passed a point in front of the electric car, within eight feet of the car, until after it had struck Mr. Davis, carrying him a distance of about 30 feet, and then came to a stop 75 feet or more from where the electric car was standing.

In conclusion the finding reads: "I find that upon all of the evidence the rate of speed was not a reasonable and proper one under the circumstances. I find that Joshua Davis, a resident of Chelmsford, was killed by death on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1917, in consequence of injuries received by being struck by an automobile driven by Frank Henry of Concord, N. H., and that the death of said Joshua Davis

has been done, is authorized to disregard minor errors this is such a case. No error of law is presented by the exceptions."

The body of Small's wife, Mrs. Arlene I. Small, was found in the ruins of the Small cottage at Mountainview, on Sept. 23, 1916, the day after the destruction of the cottage by fire. Small was in Boston when the fire occurred but at his trial the state presented evidence to show that Mrs. Small had been killed before her husband's departure and the fire set through mechanical means. Small was found guilty and sentenced to death, the alleged motive being the collection of a large life insurance policy carried by his wife.

It was by the merest chance that neighbors, digging in the ruins of the Small cottage for the body of Mrs. Small discovered evidences of murder. The woman had been beaten over the head, shot through the right temple and strangled with a cord taken from a motor boat in which she and her husband had made frequent trips on the lake.

As the body was carried down by the debris while flames were raging, through the cottage, the head fell into a pot of water in the basement and was preserved.

While the evidence was circumstantial the jury in finding Small guilty declared for capital punishment, the death penalty under New Hampshire law being inflicted only when the jury believes the crime so atrocious as to warrant it.

was caused by the criminal negligence of the said Frank Henry.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas J. Enright, "Justice of the Police Court, Lowell, Mass."

The hearing was opened before Judge Pickman shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and the first and principal witness called was Chas. Davis, son of the deceased. Mr. Davis testified that he had been visiting his father's home and shortly after 5 o'clock on the afternoon of October 20th he and his father started towards the car line. He had a dress suit case in one hand and a traveling bag in the other. He and his father waited on the west side of the roadway for the electric car, which was going towards Lowell to approach. As the car stopped two passengers got on and he had one foot on the step and the other on the ground when he saw an automobile, which he afterwards learned was driven by Mr. Henry, strike his father and the force of the impact carried his father for a distance of about 60 feet up the road.

Witness said that he saw the machine approaching, coming from the south, about 300 feet before the accident occurred and the driver did not

slow down until nearly opposite the car, and that at that time the machine was traveling at a fast rate of speed. Witness said that his reason for turning as he was about to enter the car was to see if his father had gained the side of the road.

The only witness called by the defense was the defendant, Frank Henry, who testified that on the night in question he was taking his brother who is employed in the Billerica car shops, to his home in Concord, N. H. Accompanying them were three other men. As they approached the electric car, witness said, he noticed four people standing along the side of the road. His car was going at a rate of less than 20 miles an hour at the time and he slowed it down to less than 15 miles an hour. Two of the people on the roadway boarded the car and later a third person, who afterwards proved to be Charles Davis, crossed the road to-

wards the electric car and waved his hand at the man, Joshua Davis. Mr. Henry said that no attempt was made by Mr. Davis, Sr., to cross the road until the automobile arrived within a few feet, when suddenly the elder Mr. Davis stepped into the road. Witness applied the emergency brake, but could not bring his automobile to a stop before it struck the man.

The court after considering the evidence in the case found probable cause of guilt and held the defendant under \$2000 bonds for his appearance before the grand jury.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING

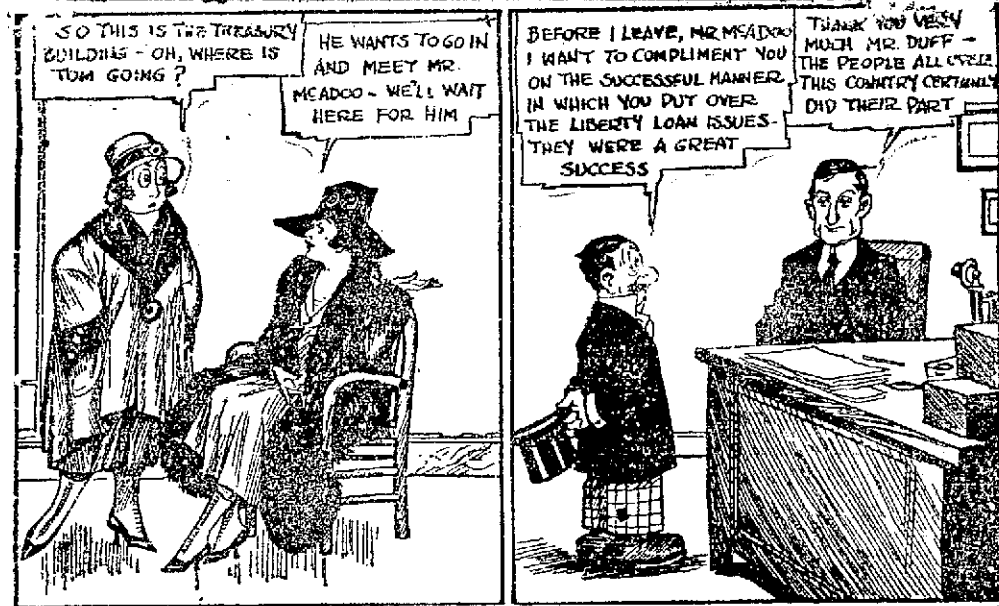
BERLIN, Dec. 26, via London.—There was increased artillery fighting yesterday southeast of Ypres, on the Belgian front, and near Meuvre and Marcoing on the Cambrai front, it was officially announced today by the German war office.

EVERETT TRUE



YES, POOR FELLOW! HE WHIPPED HIS TEN-YEAR-OLD BOY SEVERELY BECAUSE HE WASN'T PROMOTED AT SCHOOL, BUT HE HIMSELF HAS BEEN WORKING AT ONE JOB FOR FIFTEEN YEARS FOR FIFTEEN DOLLARS A WEEK AND HASN'T BEEN PROMOTED EITHER!!

TOM VISITS SECRETARY McADOO



"SO THIS IS THE TREASURY BUILDING - OH, WHERE IS TOM GOING?"

"HE WANTS TO GO IN AND MEET MR. McADOO - WE'LL WAIT HERE FOR HIM."

"BEFORE I LEAVE, MR. McADOO, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON THE SUCCESSFUL MANNER IN WHICH YOU PUT OVER THE LIBERTY LOAN ISSUES. THEY WERE A GREAT SUCCESS."

"THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. DUFF - THE PEOPLE ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY CERTAINLY DID THEIR PART."



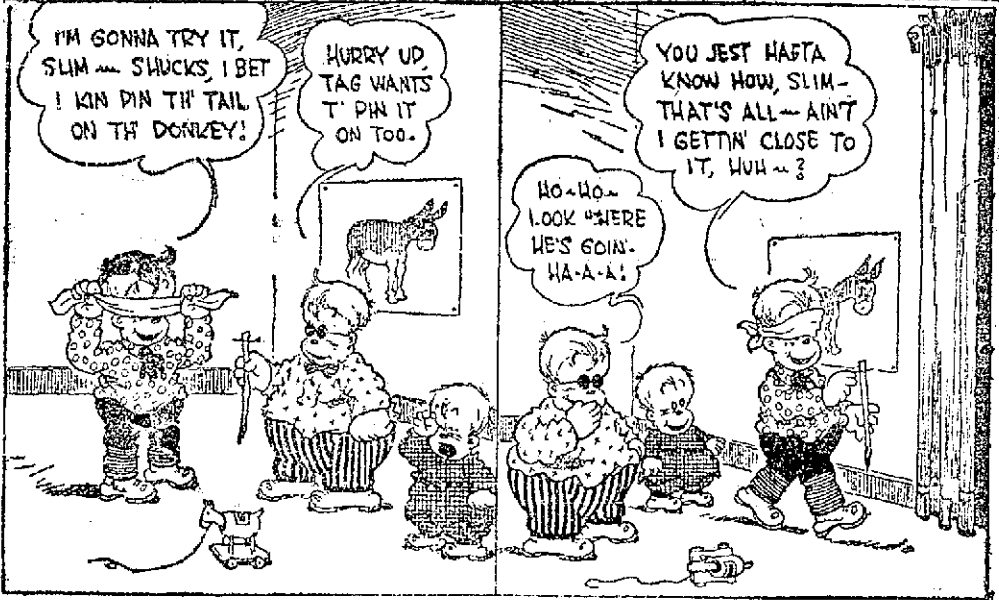
"BY THE WAY, I HAVE A LITTLE SUGGESTION THAT MIGHT INCREASE THE TAX INCOME VERY LARGELY - LET'S SEE - YOU'RE A MARRIED MAN - YES - WOULD YOU CARE TO HEAR IT?"

"YES, I'M MARRIED - WHAT IS YOUR SUGGESTION?"

"I'M QUITE SURE THAT THE RETURNS WOULD BE LARGER IF CONGRESS HAD TAXED OUR OUTGO INSTEAD OF OUR INCOME."

"WE SHALL THINK IT OVER, MR. DUFF."

AND THEN HE GOT IT

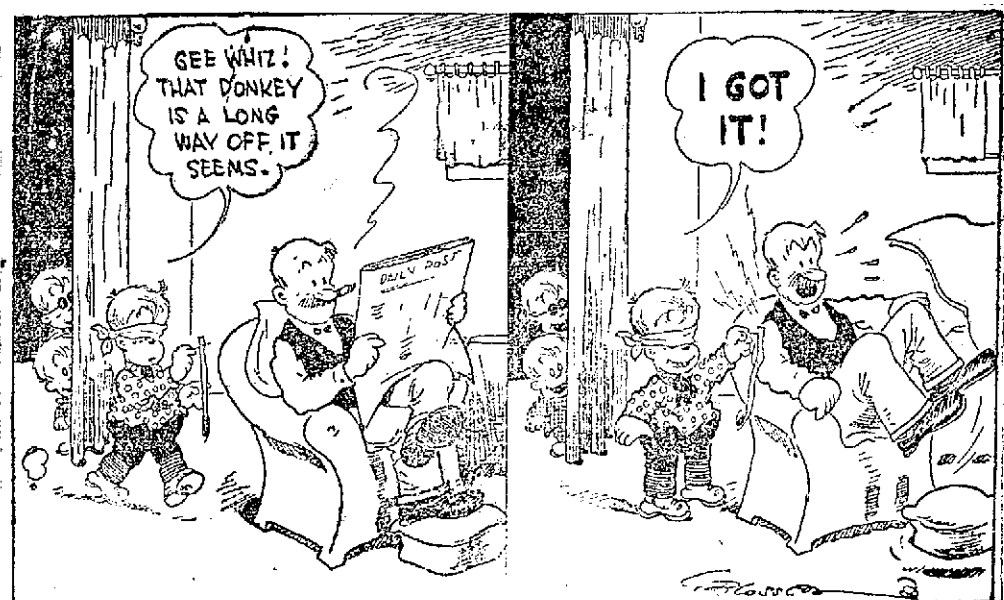


"I'M GONNA TRY IT, SLIM - SHUCKS, I BET I KIN PIN TH' TAIL ON TH' DONKEY!"

"HURRY UP, TAG WANTS T' PIN IT ON TOO."

"YOU JEST HAGTA KNOW HOW, SLIM - THAT'S ALL - AIN'T I GETTIN' CLOSE TO IT, WUH-?"

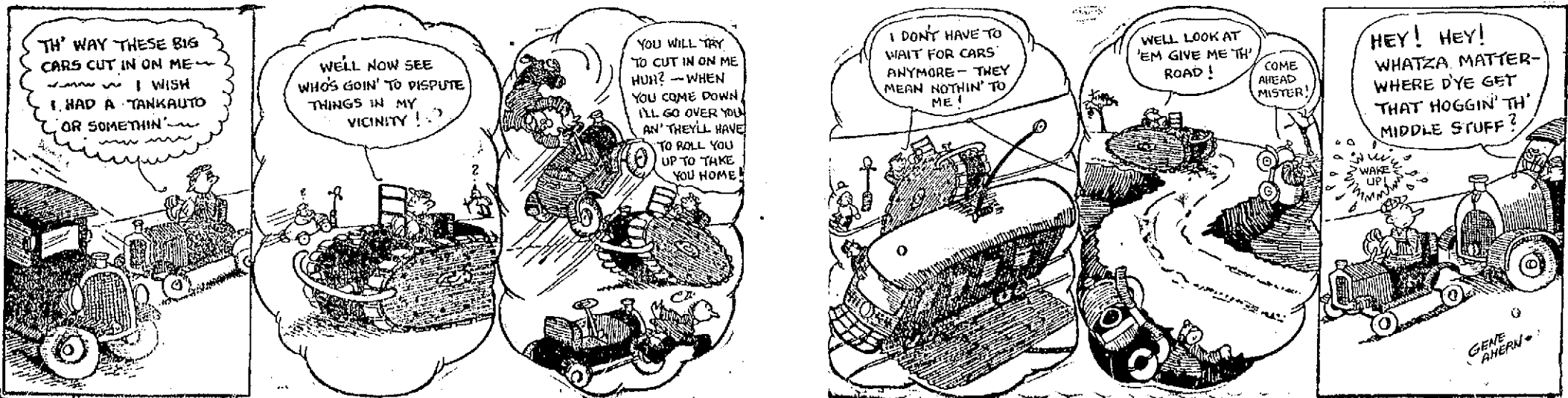
"HO-HO - LOOK WHERE HE'S GOIN' - HA-A-A!"



"GEE WHIZ! THAT DONKEY IS A LONG WAY OFF, IT SEEMS."

"I GOT IT!"

A DAY DREAM FLOWER OWNERS HAVE



"TH' WAY THESE BIG CARS CUT IN ON ME - I WISH I HAD A 'TANKAUTO' OR SOMETHIN'."

"WE'LL NOW SEE WHO'S GOIN' TO DISPUTE THINGS IN MY VICINITY!"

"YOU WILL TRY TO CUT IN ON ME HUH? - WHEN YOU COME DOWN I'LL GO OVER YOU AN' THEY'LL HAVE TO ROLL YOU UP TO TAKE YOU HOME."

"I DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR CARS ANYMORE - THEY MEAN NOTHIN' TO ME!"

"WELL, LOOK AT 'EM GIVE ME TH' ROAD!"

"COME AHEAD, MISTER!"

"HEY! HEY! WHATZA MATTER - WHERE D'YE GET THAT HOGGIN' TH' MIDDLE STUFF?"

I.W.W. IRISH AGITATORS DIRECTED WORK AND BOLSHEVIKI IN PLOT OF ALLEGED MASTER SPY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Evidence has been uncovered by government agents indicating that American industrial workers of the World, Russian Bolshevik, Irish agitators and revolutionists in various countries at war with Germany may be seeking to lay the foundation of an elaborate world-wide plot to overthrow existing social orders.

This was admitted yesterday by officials here in connection with news of the discovery of a quantity of rifles, revolvers and ammunition in the Russian freighter, *Shilka*, which has just arrived at a Pacific port, manned by a notorious Bolshevik crew.

Government agents suspect that the guns and munitions were intended for the industrial workers of the world, and that the mysterious cargo has not yet been forwarded by officials at the port of arrival.

The *Shilka* incident is only one of many cases leading officials to believe the connection between plotters in several of the allied countries may be more tangible than the indefinite link of moral sympathy. Certain Irish agitators and I.W.W. leaders recently have gone from the United States to Russia, after being in close touch with each other here, and reports have been received that Bolshevik organizers would come to America before long to spread their doctrine of direct action for communist organization.

No objection will be raised by the government to any agitation which

does not interfere with the progress of the war, officials declare.

Officials do not intend to use the war exigencies as an excuse for suppressing free speech, except insofar as it tends to hampering the government in the fight against the central powers. This basis of judgment, however, is recognized as broad, and will permit drastic action against foreign agitators whose conduct directly or indirectly fosters Germany's war aims.

Action will be particularly swift, officials say, when armed resistance to the law is threatened and when other material forces are employed by the agitators. Customs inspection will serve to prevent importation of arms and the close supervision of crews of incoming and outgoing vessels is expected to make impossible the traffic of communications on a large scale.

There still are means of importing money into the United States, but government agents can trace remittances and keep a watchful eye on suspicious transactions. Exports of money are governed so strictly by the government that officials are certain that the chance of American financing of revolutions in other countries is slight.

Although prosecution of I.W.W. leaders recently has been vigorous, officials have evidence which they claim shows that the menace of this organization, believed to be supported largely by German money, remains strong. Further action against the agitators is forecast, this will be hastened if it is found that the band is working with Russian Bolshevik leaders to bring about a premature peace in Germany's interests, or to hamper America at home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—A woman designated only as "H" and said to be prominent in the German secret service, directed the activities of Franz Schulenberg, alleged master spy, held here on a presidential warrant, according to information divulged today by federal officials. Schulenberg is said to have been active in plans to destroy bridges and public buildings in Canada and shipping and warehouses in Pacific ports.

Officials said the woman barely escaped arrest here four weeks ago, the day before Schulenberg was captured. Investigation showed, officials said, that the woman had been an agent of Wolf von Igell, alleged head of the German espionage system in this country.

According to federal officials the woman sent Schulenberg to the United States in 1914 for the alleged purpose of assisting in the maintenance of contraband wireless stations, supported by the German government for the purpose of obtaining military information and transmitting it to Berlin.

Schulenberg's activities disclosed today showed that in February, 1915, he inserted an advertisement in newspapers of Spokane, Wash., looking to the purchase of a tract of land on which to colonize several hundred Spanish families. These families, federal officials said, were to be sent to the purpose of their colonization was to permit them easy entrance into Canada, where they were to obtain information. The colonization plan did not materialize.

Schulenberg, according to federal officials, was a deserter from the German army and was actuated only by the hope of financial gain. They say he would not admit his connection with the woman agent.

Amoyot-Bolsvert
Joseph A. Amoyot and Marie Josephine Anna Bolsvert were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Joseph Boland, O.M.I. The witnesses were the fathers, Joseph Amoyot and Adolphe Narcisse, Glunian acted as witnesses.

Ash-Scott
Moses E. Ash and Mrs. Augusta P. Scott took marriage yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the ceremony being performed at the paragonage of the Gorham Street P. M. church. The couple attended by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leith.

Loftes-Gratne
Clarence Loftes and Miss Lillian Gratne both of Boston were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ogren, 55 Puffer street last evening, the officiating clergyman being Rev. P. E. Nungesser. The attendants were George Loftes and Mrs. Alva Ogren.

Fournier-Hubert
Pierre William Fournier and Miss Anne Hubert were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Joseph Boland, O.M.I. The witnesses were the fathers, Pierre Fournier and Pierre Hubert.

Langlais-Proulx
The marriage of Joseph Antoine Langlais and Miss Marianne Rosalba Proulx took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Joseph Boland, O.M.I. Isidore Hugon and Philias Dufresne acted as witnesses.

Lambert-Pelchat
Thomas Anedee Lambert and Miss Henriette Pelchat were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Augustin Gratot, O.M.I. The couple were attended by Joseph Leclerc and Stanislas Pelchat.

Bravay-Feary
John S. Bravay of Caribou, Me., and a member of the National army at Ayer, and Miss Mina Moers of this city were married yesterday at the home of the bride, 35 Farmington road, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Isaac W. Hanson of Haverhill, G. H. Knox of Caribou, Me., was best man, while the bridesmaid was Mrs. G. H. Knox. After a brief wedding trip the bridegroom will return to the army, while the bride will make her home with her parents in this city.

Pratte-Courtemanche
Arthur Pratte and Miss Rose Courtemanche were married yesterday at St. Joseph's rectory, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Rosario Jalbert, O.M.I. The witnesses were the fathers, Arthur Pratte and Ovide Courtemanche, while the bride's witness was her father, Barthelme Courtemanche. At the close of the ceremony a dinner was served at the home of the bride, 54 Perkins street, where the couple will make their home after an extended wedding trip.

Belair-Belair
Victor Belair and Miss Anna Belair were married Dec. 23 at Notre Dame de Lourdes rectory, the officiating clergyman being the pastor, Rev. Leon Lamotte, O.M.I. The bride wore a blue suit with picture hat to match and carried roses. The witnesses were George Belair and John Boucette. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 151 Eleventh street. The couple will make their home in North Andover after an extended wedding trip.

Hall-Leblond
Louis Frederick Hall and Miss Marie Beatrice Leblond were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Augustin Gratot, O.M.I. The witnesses were Albert Arpin and Miss Laura Provost.

Nardin-Therault
Last evening at St. Joseph's rectory Edward Nardin of St. Chelmsford and Miss Celestine Therault of this city were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Joseph Boland, O.M.I. Elizar and Jean Therault acted as witnesses.

Patenaude-Vachon
Louis J. Patenaude and Miss Elodie Vachon were married yesterday afternoon at St. Louis' church by Rev. P. X. Gauthier. The couple were attended by Elizar Patenaude and Telephore Vachon.

Chamberlain-Lemarie
Charles Chamberlain and Miss Silva Gracia Lemarie were married last evening at St. Joseph's rectory by the pastor, Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I. The bride was attired in light blue silk and carried white carnations. The witnesses were Elizar Cayer and Elie Cayer. At the close of the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 52 Suffolk street. The couple will make their home in Canada.

and purple lights. Crossed American and French flags were prominently displayed, and from every branch hung strings of candy, jumping jacks, candy sticks, drums, bells and other playthings and a plentiful sprinkling of apples and oranges.

Perched at the base of the tree were many boxes containing toy soldiers, guns, uniforms, tops, sewing sets, heavy woolen mittens, mufflers, warm coats, dresses and shoes.

Then the real, live Santa Claus, who in reality was the French interpreter in headquarters, stepped out. His springing activity and forthrightly appreciative chorus from the youngsters and the host of khaki-clad soldiers standing the rear.

Some of them, still covered with mud of the training grounds, grinned as they heard the children shout.

Soldiers Crowded in to See
The only reason any soldier of the division was absent from the celebration was because there wasn't room for him to crowd in. For it was the men themselves who provided the bulk of the merry-making and were naturally eager to see the children made happy by the soldiers' gifts.

Many of these gifts had been loaned to the celebration as early as possible the heart's desire of the individual child, and as quickly as the child's name was called, the gift was handed over to the present the smiling, bashful young citizen of France walked up and received it.

Then Santa Claus' assistants, who were certain designated soldiers, distributed the candy, fruit and small toys to all.

There were entertainments of a similar nature throughout the army zone on Christmas eve, while the festivities were planned for Christmas day at some places.

Troops Well Provided For
The men themselves, in addition to the presents they received from relatives and friends, got many from other sources. Such as the Red Cross and the Tobacco fund which later distributed quantities of "smokes" on behalf of many newspapers in the United States.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Food Administrator Hoover's statement on the sugar situation, which he tried unsuccessfully to get before the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage, was made public last night by the White House.

He attributes the shortage here to the heavy movement of sugar from the western hemisphere to Europe, and asserts that without the fixing of prices by agreement sugar would have been selling for 25 or 30 cents a pound and more than \$200,000,000 probably would have been proffered from the American people by this time.

The statement contains the food administrator's reply to charges made before the committee by Claus Spreckels, president of the Federal Refining company, that the sugar situation was mismanaged, and set forth in detail the administration's efforts to keep sugar prices down while supplying large quantities to the allies.

Jump in Allies' Needs
The committee, of which Senator Reed was chairman, had previously refused to make the statement a part of the Congressional Record, but has declined this far to permit Hoover to state the case as he saw it. Spreckels charged that when the hearing is resumed Friday, however, it is understood Mr. Hoover will be permitted to tell his story.

At the outset the statement presents the world sugar situation as it existed prior to the European war. The allies then produced much of their own supply and purchased the remainder from Germany.

Before the war they only took 300,000 tons annually from the western hemisphere. This year they have taken 1,400,000 tons.

"That," says the food administrator, "is the cause of the sugar shortage, the shortage else."

The statement says the food administration has handled the situation with a view to sustaining the morale of France and England, where the sugar ration has been extremely low for months, and at the same time preventing a jump in price to 20 or 25 cents here.

Shortage Will Continue
Since the food administration was created in August, the United States has exported to the allies 110,356 tons of refined sugar, and in the same period Cuba has shipped to Europe 246,133 tons of raw product. This, it is declared, is just the amount of the shortage in the world.

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the nine months before the food administration came into existence; it was reduced to \$1.30 and a saving of more than \$25,000,000 per annum was effected.

As a further precaution against profiteering, the administration obtained a voluntary agreement with the beet sugar factories that they would not sell sugar at more than \$7.25 a hundred pounds net. Since, who already had contracted at \$9, rescinded their contracts. This was followed by similar agreements as to Louisiana, Cuban and Hawaiian arrivals.

"The net result of these voluntary agreements was to reduce the ruling price of sugar at a committee west of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, and 1 cent on the Atlantic. Had these arrangements not been made sugar would have risen to 25 or 30 cents a pound.

Many Prosecutions Stated
"Numerous prosecutions have been started against firms which have sold sugar at prices of 15 and 20 cents.

"The consumer sugar bill from the United States Treasury imposed on Jan. 1 will be about \$180,000,000. Every cent pound rise means about \$13,000,000 to the government. It has been meant about \$130,000,000 proffered from the American consumer.

"There was no other way under the law to prevent profiteering except to have a voluntary agreement, as the food bill carries no power to fix prices. These agreements have of necessity been made with old manufacturers, including the sugar trust.

"Independent refiners are represented by a majority of a committee whose duty it is to divide the imported sugar between all equally. The committee has no price-fixing power; it has only the power to prevent profiteering. Independent refiners who have been fighting the trust for years could be depended on to catch any unfair action.

No Right to Strangle Cuba
"An appeal to prejudices has been made against the food administration because the Cuban price is 34 cents above that which prevailed in 1917 prior to Sept. 1. It has been said in effect that the Cubans are at our mercy, that we could get sugar one cent lower.

"It was made an exhaustive study of the cost of producing sugar in Cuba last year, through our own agents in Cuba. We found that an average of 100 pounds of sugar cost 10 cents to produce. It was necessary in order to maintain and stimulate production, or that a margin price of 12 cents was necessary, and even this would stifle some producers.

"The price ultimately agreed upon was 12 cents above the cost of production. This means that about one-fifth of a cent per pound to the American consumer, and more than this amount has been saved by our reduction in refined sugar, and in net results sugar should be one cent cheaper to the Atlantic consumer next year than now.

"We wish to stifle production in Cuba we would take that course just at the time of all times in our history when we have been at war. It is ourselves and the allies. Further, such a course would produce disturbances in Cuba and destroy even our present sugar supply. The only reason for this is one of justice. This great country has no right by the might of its position to strangle Cuba."

Efforts to Reduce Consumption
The statement recounts the food administration's efforts to reduce consumption to avert the shortage, which was foreseen in the summer.

"The food administration has conducted a systematic campaign for the reduction of individual sugar consumption," says the statement. "The reduction has shown in the decrease in candy sales, etc., but on the other hand, a similar campaign for the preservation of fruit has increased consumption in that direction—but will reduce consumption later on. Taking into consideration all factors, it is not certain that there has been any increase in actual consumption and considering the increased canning use, there may have been a decrease."

Mr. Hoover has repeatedly denied charges that George M. Rolph, head of the food administration's sugar division, endeavored to benefit the California refinery of which he is head, through the arrangement of the Cuban price.

SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED
A service flag containing nine stars was unfurled at the Free church of the Ministry-at-Large yesterday afternoon, the event being held in conjunction with Christmas exercises. In the afternoon a varied entertainment program was given and the children of the Sunday school were presented suitable gifts.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Corporal Edward Nelson of the 101st regiment, A. E. P., now in France and formerly of the Sixth regiment of this city, has written a very interesting letter to his wife, who resides at 505 Middlesex street.

The young soldier, who is the father of a handsome baby and who has been in France for the past four months, tells of having spent a very enjoyable Thanksgiving day and he states there is a good time in store for the boys in khaki in France. According to the Lowell soldier, all the gifts that have been sent from Am-

American expeditionary units somewhere in France.

Nov. 11, 1917.

Dear Mother and Father—Just a few lines to let you know that I am feeling fine. I received your letter from home today, both dated Oct. 21. We are having fine weather over here, although just now the wind is getting a little sharp. You see we are up in the hills, and there is great scenery around here. The leaves are not off the trees yet.

The people here do all their cooking in fireplaces. This is some life, believe me. When we get back from here, we will be able to sleep on picket fences, but when we get to Berlin we'll have to sleep on the ground.

They are getting things ready for a boxing match tonight. There's something doing around here all the time. We'll be along with us from home over here, but we're always smiling and the harder things come the harder we smile. In the house where I am billeted, the "man of the house" is a great hunter. He has a wild boar, a little while ago. The French soldiers have them pretty well cleaned out, though.

There are hens of every description and color here. The pigs have ears longer than mules.

Everybody around here is feeling rather happy today because we get two months' leave tomorrow. Well, I guess I'll close now.

From your loving son, John.

MATRIMONIAL

Fred Deiderfeld and Miss Jennie Morward were married Dec. 22 at the home of the bride, 493 Gorham street by Rev. A. C. Archibald. The witnesses were Mrs. A. C. Archibald and Miss Elsie Stevens acted as best man and bridesmaid. The couple will make their home at 493 Gorham street.

Rouff-Jones
Edward Rouff and Miss Zeila Jones, both of Tewksbury, were married Monday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Nutter-Wallace
Charles H. Nutter and Miss Elsie S. Wallace were married Dec. 6 at the First Baptist church by Rev. A. C. Archibald. The couple will make their home at 523 Gorham street.

Tonks-Davidson
John Alfred Tonks and Miss Edith M. G. Davidson were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Parker-Stead
Harry Parker of Sanford, Me., and a member of the National Army at Ayer, and Miss Stella Stead of this city were married Monday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Green-Park
Louis B. Green and Miss Annie E. C. Park were married Dec. 13 by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Whittaker-Page
John J. Whittaker and Miss Edith L. Page were married Monday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Archibald at his home, 151 Eleventh street.

Alphonse Adelard Corbell of Dracut and Miss Rose Albert of this city were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory by Rev. Joseph Boland, O.M.I. The witnesses were Felix Albert, father of the bride, and Philias Corbell, father of the groom. At the close of the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride.

OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY
Specials (tomorrow)—Ladies' \$1.15 house dresses, 50c; 30c Bungalow Aprons, 50c; \$1.00 Silk Stockings, 49c; Boys' \$5.00 Suits, \$6.95; Boys' 50c Caps, 39c; Men's \$1.00 Shirts, 79c; Men's 50c Cotton or Wool Socks, 29c; Men's 65c Neckwear, 50c. Merrimack Clothing Co., across from City Hall.

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ANHEUSER-BUSCH
St. Louis, U.S.A.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The formal agreement between packing house owners and employees, which makes John E. Williams, federal fuel administrator for Illinois, arbitrator of all labor disputes in the big packing plants of the United States until the end of the war was expected to be signed today by representatives of both sides. The agreement was reached yesterday, after a series of conferences conducted by President Wilson's labor mediation board.

The agreement provides that there can be neither strike nor lockout in packing plants during the war.

The procedure under which Mr. Williams will operate was outlined by a member of the labor commission as follows:

"Any man has the privilege and right to appeal to Mr. Williams, but he must do so in his individual capacity only and cannot represent an organization.

"Wages, working hours and all details shall be settled by Mr. Williams."

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES VOTING ON STRIKE

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Union operators employed by the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. in this city, conducted an all-day ballot today on the question of striking to enforce their demands for increased wages. The company has offered to make the maximum wage after several years of service \$15 a week, and this offer has been put into effect in several other New England cities. The Boston union has asked for a maximum wage of \$16 a week after six years' service.

David Benjamin, a federal conciliator, who arrived here from Washington yesterday, was busy today in an effort to avert a strike.

U.S. SOLDIERS IN FRANCE PLAY SANTA CLAUS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, Dec. 24. (By The Associated Press).—The American expeditionary force tonight capitulated to Santa Claus with a light snow falling throughout the zone, every man in Gen. Pershing's army—"doughboys," cavalrymen, artillerymen, marines, engineers, "mule skinner"—stopped work as the sun went down and started in to do the bidding of the jovial Santa Claus temporarily in command.

First there was a rush to open the Christmas packages from home, for during the day mail truck after mail truck, loaded to the top with presents, had arrived in the various towns where the troops are quartered. The mail arrived at the base port late and extra delivery efforts were made to get it to the soldiers promptly.

With their new sweaters on, new pipes in their teeth, some of them smoking fragrant cigars, the men of the army then set to work in earnest making it merry for the children of France.

Spent Christmas Eve Under Fire
At some distance from the American zone the railway engineers at the French front were spending their Christmas eve under fire, but even there the children of nearby neighborhoods were being cared for.

It was in the headquarters town of the first division to land on French soil that the most elaborate entertainment was held, however. Because the church there was pretty small, the Y.M.C.A. but was commandeered, and the officers of the American office and men worked hard erecting a gigantic Christmas tree and decorating it, while sentries posted outside kept inquisitive youngsters at a distance.

Finally the doors were opened and the procession filed in, each little French boy and girl dressed in his or her best and accompanied by the mother or, in the cases of the little refugees, whose mothers and fathers are missing, by the woman who is caring for them.

Short at Sight of Tree
There was a tense air of expectancy until the lights were suddenly flashed on and the tree and Santa Claus were revealed. The revelation was the signal for chorus of shrill, joyful cries from the assembled youngsters, who were all eyes for the tree, with its glistening tinsel set off here and there by the customary red, white, green

and purple lights. Crossed American and French flags were prominently displayed, and from every branch hung strings of candy, jumping jacks, candy sticks, drums, bells and other playthings and a plentiful sprinkling of apples and oranges.

Perched at the base of the tree were many boxes containing toy soldiers, guns, uniforms, tops, sewing sets, heavy woolen mittens, mufflers, warm coats, dresses and shoes.

Then the real, live Santa Claus, who in reality was the French interpreter in headquarters, stepped out. His springing activity and forthrightly appreciative chorus from the youngsters and the host of khaki-clad soldiers standing the rear.

Some of them, still covered with mud of the training grounds, grinned as they heard the children shout.

Soldiers Crowded in to See
The only reason any soldier of the division was absent from the celebration was because there wasn't room for him to crowd in. For it was the men themselves who provided the bulk of the merry-making and were naturally eager to see the children made happy by the soldiers' gifts.

Many of these gifts had been loaned to the celebration as early as possible the heart's desire of the individual child, and as quickly as the child's name was called, the gift was handed over to the present the smiling, bashful young citizen of France walked up and received it.

Then Santa Claus' assistants, who were certain designated soldiers, distributed the candy, fruit and small toys to all.

There were entertainments of a similar nature throughout the army zone on Christmas eve, while the festivities were planned for Christmas day at some places.

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Old Folks Saved From Suffering

Mrs. Mary A. Dean, Taunton, Mass., in her 87th year, says: "I thought I was beyond the reach of medicine, but Foley Kidney Pills have proven most beneficial in my case."

Mr. Sam A. Hoover, High Point, N. C., writes: "My kidney trouble was worse at night and I had to get up from five to seven times. Now I do not have to get up at night, and consider myself in a truly normal condition which I attribute to Foley Kidney Pills, as I have taken nothing else."

Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Mass., says: "I suffered from kidney ailment for two years. I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills ten months ago, and though I am 61 years of age, I feel like a 35-year-old girl."

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